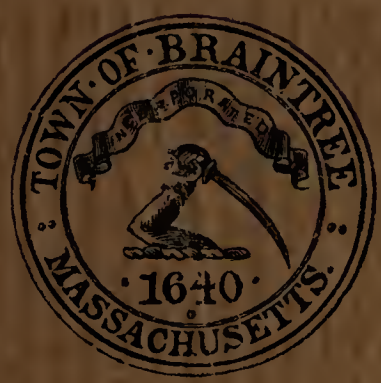
TOWN OF BRAINTREE.



1898.

ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES

OF THE

TOWN OF BRAINTREE

FROM

DEC. 31, 1897, TO DEC. 31, 1898.

TOGETHER WITH THE

Report of the Board of School Committee, Engineers of Fire Department, Water Commissioners,

AND

MANAGER OF ELECTRIC LIGHT PLANT.

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TOWN OFFICERS FOR 1898.

Moderator.

F. A. HOBART.

Town Clerk.

HENRY A. MONK.

Town Treasurer.

PETER D. HOLBROOK.

Selectmen, Assessors, Overseers of Poor, and Highway Surveyors.

ANSEL O. CLARK,

WILLIAM W. MAYHEW, J. PARKER HAYWARD.

Water Commissioner and Sinking Fund Commissioner.

T. HAVEN DEARING, for three years.

School Committee.

Three Years.

MRS. ANNIE M. BROOKS, ALBION C. DRINKWATER,
MRS. B. J. LORING, T. A. WATSON.

Two Years—C. F. HILL CRATHERN.

One Year—WILLIAM C. HARDING.

Auditors.

DANIEL POTTER, L. WILLARD MORRISON,
CHARLES G. SHEPPARD.

Fence Viewers.

FRANCIS W. CROOKER, HENRY GARDNER,
WM. A. KANE.

Trustees of School Fund.

GEORGE D. WILLIS, F. A. HOBART, A. S. MORRISON,
WILL W. MAYHEW, PETER D. HOLBROOK.

Constables.

HORACE FAXON, JOHN GALLIVAN,
CHRISTOPHER T. BAILEY, JOHN KELLEY,
JOSEPH W. STETSON, BENJAMIN J. LORING,
THOMAS DOWNEY, HENRY DUGAN, Jr.
DAVID C. HASELTINE, HORACE F. HUNT,
JAMES R. QUALEY, J. MURRAY KNIGHT,
JAMES ROURKE, EDWARD M. WIGHT,
CONRAD MISCHLER.

REPORT

Of the Selectmen, Assessors, Overseers of the Poor, and Highway Surveyors of the

Town of Braintree,

For the year ending December 31st, 1898.

In accordance with the By-Laws of the Town of Braintree, the Board of Selectmen, Assessors, Overseers of the Poor and Highway Surveyors, respectfully submit their Annual Report, showing the appropriations and expenditures for the year ending Dec. 31, 1898.

ANSEL O. CLARK,
WM. W. MAYHEW,
J. PARKER HAYWARD,

Selectmen, Assessors, Overseers of the Poor and Highway Surveyors.

LIST OF APPROPRIATIONS MADE AT THE ANNUAL MEETING.

For Pay of School Teachers .	$14,145 00	
Pay of Superintendent of Schools . . .	1,400 00	
Pay of Janitors . .	1,800 00	
For Text Books and Supplies	1,600 00	
Incidentals for Schools .	400 00	
Incidentals for Schoolhouses	1,000 00	
Fuel for Schools . .	1,200 00	
Conveyance of Pupils .	725 00	
		$22,270 00
Fire Department General Expenses . . .	$800 00	
Repairs on Engine Houses .	100 00	
New Hose . . .	325 00	
Pay of Members . .	1,225 00	
Repairs on Apparatus .	100 00	
		2,550 00
Hydrant Service . .	$4,150 00	
Water Loan Sinking Fund	5,120 00	
		9,270 00
Electric Light Department	$9,000 00	
		9,000 00
Note Jonas Perkins School	$3,100 00	
Note Monatiquot School .	3,300 00	
Note Electric Light . .	2,000 00	
		8,400 00
Interest on Town debt .	$5,000 00	
		5,000 00
General repairs of Highways	3,000 00	
Stone Roads . . .	3,500 00	
Sidewalks . . .	1,000 00	
Removal of Snow . .	1,500 00	
		9,000 00

For Night Police	$2,190 00	
Janitor Town Hall and Library	600 00	
Town Hall . . .	150 00	
Town Lands . . .	100 00	
Insurance . . .	700 00	
Incidental Expenses . .	2,500 00	
Abatement and Collection of Taxes . . .	1,500 00	
Court Fees and Expenses .	100 00	
Thayer Public Library .	1,000 00	
Distribution of Books .	100 00	
Grand Army of the Republic	175 00	
Support of Poor . .	4,000 00	
Soldier's Relief, Acts of 1890	400 00	
Soldier's Aid, Chapter 279	100 00	
Target and Furnishings, Co. K., 5th Regiment .	250 00	
Surveys and Plans for Assessors	1,000 00	
Drain, Franklin Street .	500 00	
Town Officers . . .	3,650 00	
		$19,015 00
		$84,505 00
Voted, That the sum of $7,000, from the Bank and Corporation taxes be applied to the payment of the foregoing appropriations .		7,000 00
		$77,505 00

PAY OF SCHOOL TEACHERS.

Appropriation	$14,145 00	
School fund	350 00	
Dog tax	656 19	
		$15,151 19

High School.

Paid I. W. Horne, 12 weeks, .	$180 00	
Ella Macgregor, 40 weeks .	600 00	
Celia F. Stacey, 40 weeks .	750 00	
Julia Ellsworth, 24 weeks .	360 00	
Julia Ellsworth, 16 weeks .	280 00	
Joseph A. Ewart, 16 weeks	480 00	
Emily Streiferd, music .	84 00	
		$2,734 00

Monatiquot School.

Paid Joseph A. Ewart, 24 weeks	$564 00
Susan A. O'Rourke, 24 weeks	288 00
Josephene B. Colbert, 40 weeks	480 00
Annie E. Crowell, 24 weeks	255 00
Annie E. Crowell, 16 weeks	180 00
Margaret E. C. Bannon, 40 weeks	480 00
W. Stanwood Field, 16 weeks	296 00
Mabel F. Alden, 16 weeks	160 00
Florence L. Eliott, 14 weeks	140 00

Paid Josephine R. Fowle, 13 weeks	$130 00	
Clara West . . .	12 00	
		$2,985 00

JONAS PERKINS SCHOOL.

Victoria P. Wilde, 24 weeks	510 00	
Victoria P. Wilde, 16 weeks	360 00	
Nellie E. Bowles, 40 weeks	450 00	
Mary E. Vining, 24 weeks	270 00	
Mary E. Vining, 16 weeks	192 00	
Elizabeth Simmons, 24 weeks	240 00	
Elizabeth Simmons, 16 weeks	170 00	
Nellie F. Monk, 40 weeks .	450 00	
Fanny Ellsworth, 24 weeks	240 00	
Fanny Ellsworth, 16 weeks	170 00	
Theresa G. O'Rourke, 24 weeks	240 00	
Theresa G. O'Rourke, 16 weeks	170 00	
Grace Randall, 24 weeks .	204 00	
Grace Randall, 16 weeks .	140 00	
Grace M. Ward, 16 weeks	160 00	
Bertha Waldron . .	22 50	
Mary A. McGoerty, 12 weeks	120 00	
		4,114 50

UNION SCHOOL.

Paid Avis A. Thayer, 28 weeks	$336 00	
Avis A. Thayer, 12 weeks .	150 00	

Paid Hannah C. Whelan, 32 weeks	$360 00	
Hannah C. Whelan, 8 weeks	22 50	
Mabel L. Bates, 40 weeks .	450 00	
Elizabeth B. Pray, 40 weeks	400 00	
Marion L. Rogers, 24 weeks	36 00	
Belle R. Newton, 12 weeks	24 00	
Agnes Hayward, 8 weeks .	67 50	
Minetta A. Stevens, 24 weeks	36 00	
		$1,882 00

POND SCHOOL.

Paid Sarah L. Arnold, 24 weeks,	$312 00	
" " " 16 "	228 00	
Ethel E. Roberts, 24 "	240 00	
" " " 16 "	170 00	
Annie M. Brooks, 40 "	450 00	
Emily A. Lapham, 40 "	450 00	
Harriet M. Hill, 40 "	400 00	
Florence G. Fish . . .	12 00	
		2,262 00

MIDDLE STREET SCHOOL.

Mabel T. Knight, 40 weeks . . .		400 00

SOUTH WEST SCHOOL.

F. Gertrude Badger, 20 weeks,	$160 00	
E. M. Brigham, 8 weeks .	80 00	
Marion L. Rogers, 16 weeks,	160 00	
		400 00

DRAWING.

Paid Helen E. Hewes, 40 weeks . . .	300 00

MUSIC.

Paid Mary L. French	82 00

SUBSTITUTE.

Paid Emma Keith	5 00
	$15,164 50

JANITORS FOR SCHOOLS.

Appropriation . . .		$1,800 00
Paid Elisha A. Belcher . .	$163 35	
William Orr . . .	575 01	
J. Franklin Bates . .	264 00	
Sewell Nye . . .	264 00	
John H. Macandrew . .	400 00	
Joseph A. Eaton . .	11 66	
Francis H. Thayer . .	40 00	
Willie P. Reed . . .	40 00	
		$1,758 02

SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS.

Appropriation . . .	$1,400 00
Paid I. W. Horne . . .	$1,348 02

CONVEYANCE OF PUPILS.

Appropriation . . .		$725 00
Paid Albert A. Drollett . .	$350 00	
Braintree Street Ry. Co. .	431 00	
		$781 00

FUEL FOR SCHOOLS.

Appropriation . . .		$1,200 00
Paid A. J. Richards & Son, coal, 1897 . . .	$1,117 16	
A. J. Richards & Son, coal, 1898	1,104 46	
Braintree Almshouse, kindlings	44 16	
John P. Robery, wood .	5 00	
Elmer H. Vinton, wood .	10 00	
Thomas F. Finnegan .	34 75	
George E. Sampson . .	6 50	
		$2,322 03

INCIDENTALS FOR SCHOOLS.

Appropriation		$400 00
Paid Weymouth & Braintree Publishing Co. . .	$41 86	
Pratt & Pratt . . .	41 76	
J. W. Horne, cash paid for supplies . . .	108 16	
William M. Jordan, expressing . . .	3 05	

Paid John P. Lovell Arms Co., supplies . . .	$12	69
Thorp & Martin Co., supplies	10	31
Silver, Burdett & Co. .	.	82
Woodsum's Express Co. .	11	50
D. B. Fletcher & Co., supplies	8	60
George W. Prescott & Sons, printing . .	60	27
Frank A. Bates, supplies .	10	36
Brown's Express, expressing	14	10
Carter Rice & Co., supplies	2	40
Baker Hardware Co., supplies		89
Library Bureau . .	2	70
McMillan & Co., supplies .	1	84
Frank A. Locke, tuning piano	3	00
W. B. Clark, supplies .	6	38
Ginn & Co. . . .	1	50
H. C. Dimond & Co. .		63
Houghton, Mifflin & Co. .	1	93
Joseph A. Ewart . .	35	00
C. A. Belcher, Justice of Peace	3	00
Smith Premier Type Writter Co		45
Braintree & Weymouth Ry. Co., use of cars . .	6	00
Sarah L. Arnold, supplies,	1	00
Hannah C. Whelan, supplies	1	00

Paid R. Frampton, supplies .	$0 60	
Mrs. C. E. French, clerk of committee . . .	56 00	
J. L. Hammett & Co., supplies	1 75	
John H. Macandrews .	2 73	
W. Stanwood Field . .	1 60	
N. Y. & Boston Express Co.	1 25	
A. J. Wilkinson, supplies .	4 75	
Edward E. Babbe, supplies	2 03	
Cong'l. Sunday School Pub. Co.	3 04	
Horace F. Hunt, truant officer	8 50	
F. W. Barry, Beale & Co.	1 00	
J. J. Downes . . .	90	
Educational Pub. Co., supplies	1 21	
John C. Haynes . .	50	
George H. Holbrook, supplies	19 12	
		$496 18

TEXT BOOKS AND SUPPLIES.

Appropriation		$1,600 00
Paid J. L. Hammett & Co. .	$208 52	
Ginn & Co. . . .	551 69	
William Ware & Co. .	128 97	
American Book Co. . .	138 52	
John P. Lovell Arms Co .	103 50	
Geo. S. Perry . . .	187 59	

Paid Wadsworth Howland	$76	42
D. C. Heath & Co.	61	41
Willard Small	65	47
Thorp & Martin Co.	4	25
Williams & Rogers	2	26
Prang Educational Co.	5	54
Silver, Burdett & Co.	23	11
E. L. Knot Apparatus Co.	12	94
Frank A. Smith	2	55
Allyn & Bacon	8	72
J. M. Arnold		87
New England News Co.	4	40
H. M. White		38
W. A. Torrey	7	92
G. Putnam		65
Smith Premier Type Writer Co.	70	00
Leach, Shewell & Co.	40	21
Harper Brothers	25	61
F. W. Barry, Beale & Co.	8	00
Joseph Gillotte & Sons	12	00
Morse & Co.	20	10
Thompson Brown & Co,	59	38
A. M. Lombard	7	60
Boston Normal School of Gymnastics	3	00
Carter, Rice Co.	83	70
J. B. Rhines & Co		13
Houghton, Mifflin & Co.	34	81
Educational Publishing Co.	1	80
Edward E. Babb	16	51
William A. Davis	10	50
John J. Loud	1	50
Joseph A. Ewart	5	85
Boston School Supply Co.	24	00

Paid MacMillan Co. . .	$0 81	
T. H. Castor & Co. . .	1 19	
University Publishing Co.	1 92	
N. J. Bartlett & Co. .	10 00	
Perry Picture Co. . .	1 00	
		$2,035 30
Credit to School Department .		$151 18

SCHOOL HOUSE REPAIRS AND INCIDENTALS.

Appropriation		$1,000 00
Paid Braintree Water Department	$305 40	
Braintree Electric Light Department . . .	47 67	
Hayward Brothers, stock and labor . . .	131 12	
Frank O. Whitmarsh, stock and labor . . .	51 38	
Charles O. Miller, stock and labor . . .	21 75	
George H. Holbrook, stock and labor . . .	97 75	
O. M. Rogers, stock and labor	60 91	
Frank A. Bates, stock and labor	30 85	
Peter Ness, stock and labor	291 24	
J. B. Rhines & Co., lumber	24 26	
C. H. Hobart, sundries .	11 79	

Paid I. W. Horne, sundries .	$19 03
Sulpho Napthol Co., sundries	12 50
William H. Cobb, sundries	2 10
John H. Malvena, labor .	9 00
R. Allen Gage, labor .	4 50
J. F. S. Huddleson, sundries	2 50
Baker Hardware Co., sundries	2 36
J. L. Hammett & Co., sundries	17 05
Priest, Page & Co., . .	10 00
Thorp & Martin Co. . .	2 95
A. J. Wilkinson & Co. .	8 60
Jordan, Marsh & Co. .	3 50
James T. Weeks . .	13 74
William Fenton . .	44 25
Robert Brooks . . .	1 00
William Orr . . .	3 25
John J. Downes . .	90
E. M. Cundall . . .	6 00
A. G. Worcester & Sons .	14 49
Fore River Engine Co. .	1 00
Walworth Manufacturing Co.	2 70
Sewell Nye . . .	5 60
Mrs. J. F. Bates . .	5 60
Willie P. Reed . . .	71
Morris Gurney. labor .	7 50
James Towler, labor . .	7 50
Albert Wilder, sundries .	4 00
Marrs & White. . .	12 55
John S. Lane & Son. .	41 12
Richard Bellyea . .	5 75

Paid Frank A. Smith . .	$1 00	
Edward W. Hobart . .	10 50	
J. Otis McFadden . .	2 40	
New York, New Haven & Hartford Railroad Co. .	19 08	
Haywood Brothers & Co. .	1 05	
Sarah Eaton	4 83	
C. H. Custance, labor .	3 20	
B. D. Litchfield, labor .	2 00	
A. T. Stearns Lumber Co., stock . . , .	6 68	
George S. Perry, sundries .	17 63	
C. D. Harlow, sundries .	75	
William May, sundries .	3 00	
Henry L. Kincaide, sundries	18 25	
E. H. Mansfield Co., sundries	8 50	
William S. Butler, sundries	4 12	
R. H. White Co., sundries	7 50	
Cleveland Stone Co., sundries	5 00	
Irving W. Wheeler & Co., sundries . . .	4 25	
		$1,465 61

BRAINTREE POOR DEPARTMENT.

Appropriation	$4,000 00

Almshouse Account.

Dr.

To Appraisal, January 1, 1898		$1,857 65
Paid E. C. Litchfield, Superintendent, ...	$480 00	
Hired girl, ...	156 00	
J. F. Sheppard & Sons, coal	189 80	
Ambler & Hobart, grain .	71 09	
James T. Weeks, groceries	51 29	
J. M. Arnold, groceries .	43 04	
N. R. Proctor, groceries .	34 06	
H. M. White, groceries .	39 23	
C. H. Hobart, groceries .	58 76	
Henry W. Mansfield, groceries	58 75	
Dyer & Sullivan, groceries	37 96	
Charles W. Hollis, meat and provisions . .	19 77	
Bridgham Brothers, meat and provisions . .	50 79	
George E. Jones, fish, two years' bill	71 24	
Thomas R. Fitch, dry goods	20 73	
Joseph A. Eaton, meat and provisions	39 84	

Paid Wm. E. Dailey, butter and cheese	$45 87
William H. Cobb, tools and supplies . . .	49 31
F. W. Brett, medical attendance on inmates .	36 50
F. W. Brett, medical attendance on J. H. Thayer	23 00
Wm. D. Holmes, med. attendance on J. H. Thayer	3 00
Morrill Williams, care of J. H. Thayer . . .	23 00
Wm. A. Hollis, care of J. H. Thayer . . .	11 60
Braintree Clothing Co., clothing . . .	43 83
E. C. Litchfield, cash paid, incidentals, two years .	48 98
Smith & Anthony, new range	85 00
Braintree Water Department, water . . .	53 00
Goodenough, Hunt & Rogers, standing grass .	45 00
Waldo Holbrook, labor .	35 20
William A. Hollis, labor .	17 15
W. A. Torrey, medicine and supplies . . .	20 74
W. P. Brown, potatoes and expressing . . .	21 02
O. Q. Ball, oil . . .	4 40
S. F. Brown, oil . .	12 24
Abijah A. Glover, pigs .	10 00
James M. Dyer, pigs .	5 00

Paid H. H. Thayer, iron work .	$6 65	
Edward Shay, iron work .	20 70	
Perry's Express, expressing	5 15	
J. H. Schraut, bread and crackers . . .	23 66	
J. B. Rhines & Co., lumber	5 96	
C. A. Hobart, labor and stock	4 00	
O. M. Rogers, repairs and supplies . . .	4 81	
C. G. Anderson . .	4 25	
Josephus Sampson, supplies . . .	2 00	
Elmer H. Vinton, labor, plowing . . .	12 00	
Morrill Williams, labor .	4 72	
R. Allen Gage, labor .	4 00	
Timothy H. Libby, labor and supplies . . .	18 50	
Kiley & Furlong . .	2 75	
George D. Newcomb, cow	30 00	
Frank A. Bates, repairs .	7 75	
H. B. Whitman, repairs .	9 78	
T. J. H. Thayer, pasturing cow	6 00	
		$4,046 52

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To appraisal, January 1, 1899 .	$2,059 65	
Labor, removing snow .	14 34	
Kindlings for schools, town house and library . .	43 63	
Produce sold . . .	91 90	

To cash received for board of Mrs R. Thayer . .	$35 00	
Amount due for board of Mrs. R. Thayer . .	115 00	
Due from Quincy for support of J. H. Thayer .	100 60	
997 tramps, 10 cents .	99 70	
		$2,559 82
		$1,486 70

INMATES OF ALMSHOUSE.

NAME.	AGE.	DAYS.
Charles Hayden	93	365
Abraham Mead	79	365
William Patterson	73	365
George Littlefield	63	365
Thomas Dana	36	200
Napoleon Benjamin	35	365
David B. Thayer	63	293
Andrew Egan	73	287
Mary Goodman	61	365
Maria Kelley	34	365
Mrs. Rebecca Thayer		362
Joseph H. Thayer	74	180
Total number of days . . .		3,877

Total number of weeks, 554.
Cost per week, $2.68+.

POOR OUT OF ALMSHOUSE.

Paid Taunton Insane Hospital, support of Charles W. Leben	$71 96
Medfield Asylum for Emily C. Hansen . . .	182 80
Medfield Asylum for Lulinda R. Shaw . . .	182 80
Westborough Hospital for Margaret Downey . .	188 96
Westborough Hospital for Isabel C. Foster . .	169 92
State Hospital for John Hennesey . . .	146 00
State Hospital for Margaret Richardson . . .	67 20
City of Boston, aid to Mary Eagan	110 00
City of Boston, aid to Walter H. G. Ford . .	2 00
City of Boston, aid to Florilla M. Haynes . .	14 00
City of Boston, aid to Edward Mellen . . .	85 00
City of Chelsea, aid to Sarah Ann Thayer . .	2 00
City of Cambridge, aid to Walter H. G. Ford .	2 50
City of Quincy, aid to Arthur McCloskey . .	5 50
Dr. T. H. Dearing, medical attendance to Arthur McCloskey . . .	8 00

Paid Town of Uxbridge, aid to Andrew Egan . .	$12 00	
Town of Weymouth, aid to Maurice Dowd . .	43 78	
Town of Wakefield, aid to George E. Pratt . .	28 96	
Town of Hanover, aid to Etta Whitmarsh . .	27 00	
		$1,350 38

JAMES E. HOLBROOK.

Paid R. Allen Gage, fuel .	3 25	
		3 25

T. J. DALTON.

Paid Gutterson & Dame, groceries	$8 01	
L. W. Spaulding, shoes .	3 50	
A. D. Tirrell, shoes . .	3 25	
J. F. Sheppard, coal .	11 65	
T. H. Dearing, medical attendance . . .	14 75	
		41 16

MRS. E. K. CHAMBERLAIN.

Paid Elmer E. Dyer, wood .	$7 00	
		7 00

MISS KIRBY.

Paid T. H. Dearing, medical attendance . . .	$6 00	
		6 00

POOR PERSON—REFUNDED.

Paid T. H. Dearing, medical attendance . . .	$3 00	
J. F. Sheppard, fuel .	4 25	
		7 25

Mrs. Cook.

Paid T. H. Dearing, medical attendance . . .	$2 00	
T. H. Dearing, medical attendance, man in lockup	1 00	
		$3 00

Leonardo Morales.

Paid J. F. Sheppard, fuel .	$16 15	
		16 15

William H. Mulligan.

Paid L. M. Pratt & Co., groceries	$16 00	
T. H. Dearing, medical attendance	3 50	
		19 50

Edward G. Buker.

Paid J. F. Sheppard, fuel .	$6 50	
		6 50

Mrs. L. E. Calligan.

Paid James T. Weeks, groceries	$15 00	
J. F. Sheppard, fuel .	2 62	
		17 62

Frank Custance and Family.

Paid Mrs. C. Starr, nursing .	$24 00	
Gutterson & Dame, groceries	6 36	
C. D. Harlow, medicine .	9 90	
J. F. Sheppard & Sons, coal	2 00	
		42 26

Martha Penniman.

Paid Thomas F. Finnegan, wood,	$19 50	
Elmer E. Dyer, wood .	14 00	
C. H. Hobart, groceries .	39 46	
Bridgham Bros., meat .	43	
Emery C. Thayer, meat .	4 22	
Dr. F. W. Brett, medical attendance . . .	20 60	
		$98 21

Mrs. S. A. F. Mansfield.

Paid Dyer & Sullivan, groceries	$64 00	
		64 00

Julia A. French.

Paid Mrs. L. N. Bishop, rent .	$52 00	
		52 00

S. G. Leavett.

Paid Dr. T. H. Dearing medical attendance . . .	$92 50	
R. Allen Gage, fuel . .	6 25	
R. Allen Gage . . .	5 38	
A. W. Fay, burial . .	20 00	
		124 13

Benjamin Levangie.

Paid R. Allen Gage, coal . .	$6 76	
		6 76

Joseph Whiteley.

Paid James Wilson, groceries .	$106 00	
J. F. Sheppard, coal .	41 03	
A. D. Tirrell, shoes . .	3 25	
Cash aid	2 75	
		153 03

Mrs. Wm. Hearn.

Paid cash aid	$208 00	
		$208 00

Daniel McCarthy.

Paid Elijah C. Hall, rent . .	$10 50	
B. H. Woodsum Co., fuel,	9 60	
Braintree Clothing Co. .	1 50	
		21 60

Annie Jones.

Paid George B. Jones, support of	$78 00	
		78 00

Arthur O'Connor.

Paid John Ford, burial of .	$20 00	
Gutterson & Dame, groceries for family . .	59 38	
Braintree Clothing Co., clothing . . .	4 00	
A. D. Tirrell, shoes . .	8 90	
J. Delorey, rent . .	4 00	
J. F. Sheppard & Sons, coal	14 75	
		111 03

J. Herbert Clark.

Paid A. W. Fay, burial . .	$20 00	
		20 00

David B. Thayer.

Paid A. W. Fay, burial . .	$20 00	
		20 00

Mrs. C. F. Packard.

Paid F. A. Hobart, rent . .	$38 00	
		38 00

Elizabeth Hobart.

Paid Dr. Brett, medical attendance	$2 00	
C. H. Hobart, supplies .	2 00	
		$4 00

Sarah McCormick.

Paid Dr. F. W. Brett, medical attendance . . .	$5 00	
Braintree Clothing Store, shoes	4 00	
H. M. White, groceries .	4 00	
Cash aid	2 00	
		15 00

Moses Boy.

Paid E. G. Buker, care of R. Moses	$5 00	
Braintree Clothing Co., clothing . . .	2 25	
		7 25

Paul DeLorey.

Paid E. L. Frampton, provisions	$5 00	
J. M. Arnold, groceries .	18 00	
R. Allen Gage, fuel . .	17 38	
		40 38

William Richardson.

Paid Dr. F. W. Brett, medical attendance . . .	$5 00	
		5 00

Caleb H. Hayden.

Paid J. M. Arnold, groceries .	$10 00	
Dr. F. W. Brett, medical attendance on boy .	10 00	
		20 00

EDWARD DEYOUNG.

Paid J. M. Arnold, groceries .	$14 50	
		$14 50

POOR OF OTHER CITIES AND TOWNS.

CATHERINE TURLEY.

Paid J. M. Arnold, groceries .	$13 00	
R. Allen Gage, fuel . .	8 50	
		$21 50

RICHARD MOSES (State).

Paid E. L. Frampton, groceries	$29 70	
R. Allen Gage, fuel . .	10 14	
T. H. Dearing, medical attendance . . .	2 75	
For transportation to Nova Scotia	33 28	
		75 87

RICHARD DENEIL AND FAMILY.

Paid Gutterson & Dame, groceries	$2 06	
L. W. Spaulding, shoes .	6 30	
J. F. Sheppard & Sons, fuel	6 50	
		14 86

ALVA M. NIGHTENGALE.

Paid Bridgham Brothers, provisions	$16 00	
Braintree Clothing Co. .	1 88	
		17 88

JOHN D. MCDONALD (State).

Paid E. L. Frampton, provisions	$31 00	
J. M. Arnold, groceries .	12 00	
		$43 00

LEWIS YOUNG.

Paid R. Allen Gage, fuel . .	$3 25	
		3 25
		$2,797 32

Cr.

Due from Quincy for Catherine Turley	$21 50	
Due from State for Richard Moses	75 87	
Due from State for John D. McDonald	43 00	
Due from Randolph for Richard DeNeil	14 86	
Due from Duxbury for A. M. Nightengale . . .	17 88	
Due from Worcester for Lewis Young	3 25	
		$176 36

HOSPITAL ACCOUNT.

Cash paid for support of Insane	$773 29	
Credit by cash . . .	126 75	
Due		$646 54

STATE AID, CHAPTER 301.

Paid to soldiers and families of soldiers . . .	$2,212 00	
to soldiers and families of soldiers, December, 1897	180 00	
Due from State, Dec. 31, 1898		$2,392 00

SOLDIERS AID, CHAPTER 279.

Paid Samuel E. Whitmarsh .	144 00	
Samuel E. Whitmarsh, December, 1887 . .	12 00	
		$156 00
One-half due from State .		$78 00

STATE AID, CHAPTER 561, ACTS OF 1898.

Paid families of soldiers . .	$120 00	
Due from State . .		$120 00

SOLDIERS RELIEF ACTS OF 1890.

Appropriation . . .		$400 00
Paid Town of Randolph aid to Olive M. Jones . .	81 00	
cash aid to Jonathan R. Clark	65 00	

Paid E. H. Doble & Co., goods to Michael Sullivan .	$78 18	
cash aid to George B. Jones	120 00	
Dr. F. W. Brett, medical attendance C. H. Hayden .	10 67	
Dr. F. W. Brett, medical attendance Eunice A. Thayer . . .	20 00	
Dr. F. Collamare, medical attendance S. E. Whitmarsh	20 67	
		$395 52

INCIDENTAL EXPENSES.

Appropriation		$2,500 00
Paid T. King, agent, rent of Armory, Co. K, 1897 and 1898	$700 00	
T. King, agent, heat of Armory, Co. K . .	200 00	
A. O. Clark, manager of electric light, Co. K .	154 60	
W. E. Morrison, water, Co. K	24 00	
Yale & Towne, manufacturing locks, Co. K .	26 95	
A. J. White, land rent, Co. K	20 00	
Wm. May, land rent, Co. K	10 00	

Paid Weymouth & Braintree Pub. Co., printing .	$157 88
Weymouth & Braintree Pub. Co., town reports .	383 04
Braintree Reporter, printing	37 00
Dr. F. C. Granger, returning births . . .	5 25
Dr. H. L. Dearing, returning births . . .	12 50
Dr. T. H. Dearing, returning births	3 50
Ralph Houghton, returning deaths	4 75
John Ford Co., returning deaths	2 25
F. L. King, returning deaths	7 00
Woodsum's Ex. Co., expressing . . .	28 40
Pratt & Pratt, printing .	89 50
C. C. Mellen, professional services . . .	60 00
W. A. Torrey, supplies .	29 95
F. W. Barry, Beal & Co., supplies . . .	7 25
Chas. G. Sheppard, election officer . . .	10 00
B. Y. Knight, distributing reports	5 00
E. O. Smith, distributing reports	3 00

Paid James Maher, distributing reports	$2 50
R. Allen Gage, distributing reports	2 50
E. C. Litchfield, distributing reports . . .	2 00
W. A. Kane, refreshments for registrars . .	27 00
H. G. Haynes, refreshments for election officers .	4 70
H. A. Monk, registering births	66 00
H. A. Monk, registering deaths	18 20
H. A. Monk, registering marriages . . .	9 80
Geo. W. Prescott & Son, printing . . .	45 50
F. W. Crooker, election officer	3 00
E. F. Porter, election officer	3 00
S. F. Pratt, election officer	3 00
Daniel Potter, election officer	3 00
Wm. J. Orr, election officer	3 00
Albert F. Hollis, election officer	3 00
Daniel Potter, secretary for appropriation committee,	10 00
Geo. A. Hunt, team for night police . . .	2 00

Paid John H. Ash, returning births	$ 25
E. N. Mayberry, returning births	25
J. C. Fraser, returning births	1 00
Howard Clark Co., returning births . . .	50
J. M. Cutting, inspector of cattle and provisions .	87 50
C. F. Cavanagh, election officer	5 00
M. R. Warren, license blank and tax books . .	4 33
County Treasurer, board of Geo. Maguire . .	100 00
A. O. Clark, forest fires .	3 60
Wm. W. Mayhew, forest fires	8 40
C. A. Belcher, election officer	3 00
Henry M. Meek, book for S. A. Bates . . .	1 75
D. B. Fletcher & Co., supplies	1 95
O. B. Battles, pay of firemen, forest fires . .	17 25
Little, Brown & Co., binding records . . .	6 00
E. L. Burdakin, transcript of records . . .	20 00
Town of Weymouth, use of lockup	10 00

Paid C. V. Cottrall, police duty July 3 and 4 . .	$2 00
O. B. Battles, police duty July 3 and 4 . .	3 00
J. R. Carmichael, police duty July 3 and 4 .	2 00
G. E. Coy, police duty July 3 and 4 . .	2 00
C. M. Reviere, police duty July 3 and 4 . .	2 00
E. W. Hobart, inspector of cattle and provisions .	83 00
T. B. Stoddard, painting road signs . . .	45 00
H. A. Webber, dinner for election officers . .	15 00
White & Wetherbee, surveying Plain street cemetery	9 50
W. A. Kane, election officer	5 00
Worth A. Green, election officer	5 00
W. H. Shaw, election officer	5 00
T. P. Harrison, election officer	5 00
Richard L. Arnold, election officer	5 00
Will W. Mahew, election officer, 1897 . . .	5 00
Chas. G. Jordan, election officer	5 00

Paid Conrad Mischler, election officer	$5 00	
D. Edward Dugan, election officer	5 00	
J. F. Gallivan, election officer	5 00	
W. F. Woodsum, election officer	5 00	
Geo. W. Stevens, election officer	5 00	
H. A. Monk, cash expenses	9 70	
A. O. Clark, cash expenses	31 55	
Wm. W. Mayhew, cash expenses	7 59	
J. P. Hayward, cash expenses	8 20	
Dr. Wm. D. Holmes, returning births . .	50	
Dr. G. W. Bullock, returning births	2 50	
Dr. F. W. Brett, returning births	5 25	
C. H. Hobart, supplies .	6 09	
		$2,755 68
Paid Wallace Wilson, counsel for Committee on Investigation of the Morrison electric light plant .	$250 00	
White & Wetherbee, surveying and plan, electric light plant . . .	21 75	
		271 75
Paid Richard W. Wright, expert accountant on investigation of water department	$72 50	

Paid Daniel Potter, accountant	$150 00	
M. Sherry, typewriting .	10 00	
		$232 50
		$3,259 93

Cr.

By pay of Armory rent from State	$400 00	

TOWN OFFICERS.

Appropriation		$3,650 00
Paid Ansel O. Clark, Selectman, Assessor, Overseer of the Poor and Highway Surveyor	$650 00	
William W. Mayhew, Selectman, Assessor, Overseer of the Poor and Highway Surveyor . .	650 00	
J. Parker Hayward, Selectman, Assessor, Overseer of the Poor and Highway Surveyor .	650 00	
Peter D. Holbrook, Treasurer	581 00	
Henry A. Monk, Clerk .	500 00	
F. A. Hobart, Services as Moderator . . .	50 00	
T. Haven Dearing, Water Commissioner . .	150 00	

Paid James T. Stevens, Water Commissioner . .	$75 00	
C. C. Mellen, Registrar of Voters, 3 years . .	105 00	
Albert E. Avery, Registrar of Voters . . .	35 00	
Alva S. Morrison, Registrar of Voters . . .	35 00	
Daniel Potter, Auditor .	95 00	
L. Willard Morrison, Auditor	20 00	
Charles G. Sheppard, Auditor	20 00	
Horace Faxon, Constable .	37 00	
John Kelley, Constable .	8 00	
James R. Qualey, Constable	16 00	
Thomas Downey, Constable	3 00	
Conrad Mischler, Constable	4 00	
John H. Macandrew, Constable	3 00	
Edward M. Wright, Constable	3 00	
John Gallivan, Constable .	8 33	
Horace F. Hunt, Constable	8 33	
Henry Dugan, Jr., Constable	8 33	
		$3,714 99

TOWN HALL.

Paid Braintree Electric Light Department Lighting and repairs . . .	$196 23	

Paid Braintree Water Department, water and repairs	$40 85	
B. H. Woodsum Co., coal	115 32	
W. E. Maybury, repairs on boiler	9 00	
Braintree Poor Department, wood	33 28	
Thomas B. Stoddard, painting and repairs . .	39 16	
Thomas Killian, coal .	17 25	
O. M. Rogers, new stove and repairs . . .	40 20	
E. A. Dustin, tuning piano	5 50	
Martin L. Tupper, ventilators	13 50	
Edward Shay, iron work .	1 25	
Willie H. Heath, repairing clock	2 00	
W. A. Torrey, supplies .	1 00	
Wales Brothers, repairing pump	3 00	
Cobb, Buzzell Co., office table	8 75	
Edward W. Hobart, posts	1 65	
C. M. Wolley, ladder .	1 50	
C. H. Hobart, paints and supplies . . .	23 96	
Paul Monaghan, mason work	5 20	
G. R. M. Bestick, repairing chairs	1 65	
H. W. Mansfield, oil and supplies . . .	11 23	
W. H. Cobb, tools . .	3 10	
		$574 58

Credits.

By cash for use of hall . .	$236 00	
Due	12 90	

JANITOR.

Appropriation . . .		$600 00
Paid John R. Carmichael .	$600 00	
		$600 00

TOWN LANDS.

Appropriation . . .		$100 00
Paid George H. Arnold, fertilizer	17 50	
Walter E. Holbrook, labor	6 00	
Thomas Huston cleaning vaults	3 00	
Andrew Dyer, team and labor . . .	19 50	
Eugene O. Smith, labor .	10 00	
B. H. Woodsum Co., cement	3 00	
		$59 00
Credit for grass sold . .		1 00

NIGHT POLICE.

Appropriation		$2,190 00
Paid Horace F. Hunt . .	$740 00	
John Gallivan . . .	554 00	
Henry Dugan, Jr. . .	720 00	
Thomas Downey . .	28 00	
James R. Qualey . .	126 00	
		$2,168 00

COURT FEES AND EXPENSES.

Appropriation		$100 00
Paid James R. Qualey . .	$70 09	
Benjamin J. Loring . .	2 30	
Thomas Downey . .	24 34	
Horace F. Hunt . .	11 20	
John Gallivan . . .	2 25	
James F. Pease . .	3 80	
John F. Walsh . . .	5 00	
Arthur N. Pratt . .	23 47	
George B. Bailey . .	8 00	
Thomas Fitzgerald . .	6 00	
N. B. Furnald . . .	4 14	
Edwin F. Knight . .	4 65	
George A. Cameron . .	12 30	
Hollis A. Webber . .	7 95	
Thomas F. Ferguson .	6 50	
John H. Newcomb . .	5 00	
William S. Lyons . .	5 00	
		$201 99

Credit.

Received of court for fines paid	$87 27

COLLECTION AND ABATEMENT OF TAXES.

Appropriation		$1,500 00
Paid N. F. Hunt, collecting tax of 1895	$266 79	
N. F. Hunt, collector, abatement on tax of 1896 . .	41 82	

N. F. Hunt, collecting tax of 1896	$100 00	
Charles O. Miller, abatement on tax of 1897	10 81	
Frank A. Smith, collector, abatements on tax of 1897 . .	165 88	
Ina G. Cutting, abatement on tax of 1898	1 82	
		$587 12

THAYER PUBLIC LIBRARY.

Appropriation		$1,000 00
Paid N. H. Hunt, treasurer of trustees . . .	$1,000 00	
		$1,000 00

DISTRIBUTING BOOKS.

Appropriation		$100 00
Paid Alverdo H. Mason . .	$100 00	
		$100 00

ASSESSORS PLANS.

Appropriation		$1,000 00
Paid White & Wetherbee .	$913 25	
		$913 25

INSURANCE ON PUBLIC BUILDINGS.

Appropriation		$700 00
Paid C. A. Belcher . . .	$670 25	
C. H. Hobart . . .	412 50	
		$1,082 75

SINKING FUNDS WATER LOAN.

Appropriation		$5,120 00
Paid Peter D. Holbrook, treasurer	$5,120 00	
		$5,120 00

HYDRANT SERVICE.

Appropriation		$4,150 00
Paid Peter D. Holbrook, treasurer	$4,150 00	
		$4,150 00

POST 87, G. A. R.

Appropriation		$175 00
Paid Henry A. Monk, quartermaster	$175 00	
		$175 00

PATRIOTIC DEMONSTRATION AND FLAG RAISING.

No appropriation.

Paid C. W. H. Moulton & Co., flagstaff . . .	$198 00	
Irving W. Wheeler, flag .	53 10	
Braintree Band . .	75 00	
Columbian Fife and Drum Corps	20 00	
Jacob Whitcomb & Co., small flags . . .	16 70	
Thomas B. Stoddard, decorations and labor . .	14 75	
F. A. Hobart, sundry bills	17 16	
H. W. Borden, platform .	27 56	
M. T. Meyer, typewriting	4 00	
Granville E. Coy, use of horses	5 00	
W. A. Kane, printing posters	5 00	
Thomas J. Cain, carriages	15 00	
Elmer H. Vinton, use of horses	5 00	
Woodsum's Express Co., use of horses . .	5 00	
D. Griffin, use of horses .	5 00	
Perry's Express, freight .	90	
		$467 17

COMPANY K, 5TH. REGIMENT.

Appropriation	$250 00

Paid Granite Shoe Store, shoes	$146 40	
Will W. Mayhew, shirts .	150 00	
Langley, Burr & Co., socks	19 25	
Seavey Manufacturing Co., cooking utensils . .	4 42	
Hayward Bros., repairs at armory	5 64	
		$325 71

SIDEWALKS AND HIGHWAYS.

H. L. White, Supt.

Paid H. L. White, sundry bills, (pay rolls) . . .	$1,033 59	
Richard Belyea, iron work	6 98	
Electric Light Department, cutting trees and posts .	17 20	
William H. Cobb . .	48 80	
W. F. Sanborn, lumber .	3 25	
E. Bourke, expressing .	75	
Edward Shay, iron work .	9 75	
Benjamin F. Torrey, care of bridge	52 50	
Benjamin F. Torrey, sundry bills	1 50	
S. F. Pratt, printing .	1 75	
A. A. Drollett, labor .	1 25	
Dyer & Sullivan, lanterns and oil	1 90	
J. B. Rhines & Co., lumber	11 05	
Weymouth & Braintree Pub. Co. . . .	10 60	

Paid Barbour, Stockwell & Co., grates	$19 50	
J. Willie Hayden, gravel .	32	
R. A. Gage, labor . .	1 00	
George N. Holbrook, labor	5 75	
Water department, supplies	1 40	
Warren M. Babbitt, 504 loads gravel . . .	50 40	
L. B. Hollis, 240 loads gravel	19 20	
N. H. Hunt, 49 loads gravel	2 45	
John S. Lane & Sons .	66 80	
		$1,337

Credit.

For removing telephone poles .	$25 85

DRAIN—FRANKLIN STREET.

Appropriation		$500 00
Paid Andrew Dyer, self and team	$42 00	
John E. Finnegan . .	24 00	
Alden H. Holbrook . .	24 00	
John McManus . .	24 00	
E. O. Smith . . .	16 00	
Thomas F. Finnegan .	8 00	
B. H. Woodsum Co., drain pipe	157 40	
David W. Lewis, traps .	30 60	
		$326 00

SIDEWALKS.

A. O. Clark.

Paid Andrew Dyer, self and team	$32 00	
Thomas F. Finnegan, self and team . . .	47 67	
G. E. Coy, self and team .	10 00	
Michael J. Brandley, self and team . . .	52 00	
Alden H. Holbrook . .	12 00	
John E. Finnegan . .	16 00	
Eugene O. Smith . .	18 00	
James A. Reynolds . .	14 00	
John McManus . .	4 00	
James Maher . . .	4 00	
T. H. Libby . . .	10 00	
		$219 67

SNOW ACCOUNT.

H. L. White, Supt. of Streets.

Appropriation		$1,500 00
Sundry bills paid		$1,507 11
Cr.		
By cash of Braintree & Weymouth Ry. Co. . .	$27 99	
By cash of Braintree Street Ry. Co.	175 60	
By cash, order overdrawn .	2 75	
		206 34
		$1,300 77

SNOW ACCOUNT.

Selectmen.

Amount expended, sundry bills . . .		$1,343 76
Cr.		
Due from Braintree Street Ry. Co.	$81 65	
Due from Braintree & Weymouth Ry. Co. . .	42 10	
		123 75
		1,220 01

STONE ROAD.

A. O. Clark, Surveyor.

Appropriation		$3,500 00
Paid Andrew Dyer, labor, engineer	$163 12	
Andrew Dyer, team . .	108 75	
John Gallivan, engineer steam roller . . .	183 38	
Thomas F. Finnegan, men and teams . . .	322 00	
Thomas F. Finnegan, carting stone . . .	42 29	
Thomas F. Finnegan, wood	6 00	
Michael J. Brandley, labor of men and teams . .	299 04	
Granville E. Coy and teams	133 85	
Granville E. Coy, carting stone	74 22	

Paid John J. Maher and team .	$103 44
Thomas J. Cain, man and team	101 61
Whitfield Witherell and team	94 49
John E. Finnegan . .	145 88
Alden H. Holbrook . .	105 00
Eugene O. Smith . .	59 00
James A. Reynolds . .	86 44
J. W. T. Holbrook . .	36 00
Charles C. Goodnow .	13 12
John McManus . .	95 00
Peter J. Donohue . .	83 04
James Maher . . .	55 10
Edward Sullivan . .	18 88
Eli Fraser . . .	45 10
William Carpenter . .	11 00
William May, men and teams	37 77
William May, carting stone	181 57
Frank E. Clapp, carting stone	100 73
Gustaf Smith, carting stone	52 16
Alfred Carver, carting stone	32 41
C. H. Custance . .	14 31
C. W. Dailey, 27 loads of stone at 5c . . .	1 35
Walworth Mfg. Co., supplies	21 39
N. Y. and Boston Express Co.	2 70
N. Y., N. H. & H. R. R. Co.	5 04
A. J. Wilkinson, tools .	3 55

Paid Boston Belting Co., belt .	$21 12	
Eagle Oil and Supply Co., oil	11 06	
Fore River Engine, repairs and supplies . .	106 46	
Daniel Russell, screen .	4 40	
J. B. Rhines & Co., lumber	4 85	
Nightengale & Childs, castings	157 85	
Thomas Downey, labor .	1 20	
O. M. Rogers, stock and labor	15 99	
B. H. Woodsum, coal .	122 49	
A. L. Forbush, carting stone	20 93	
Perry's Express . .	25	
George W. Waite, oil .	5 60	
Hunt Brothers, carting stone	144 23	
Thomas Huston, carting stone	7 58	
Dyer & Sullivan, supplies	50	
William E. Dailey, stone	6 95	
Michael J. Sullivan, labor	1 00	
George A. French, rent of barn	48 00	
H. M. White, supplies .	1 64	
Edward Shay, iron work .	8 30	
Moses T. Dyer, carting stone	3 60	
J. F. Sheppard & Sons coal	12 02	
		$3,544 55

Credit.

To cash received for two loads stone screenings . .	$2 30

HANCOCK AVENUE.

White & Wetherbee, surveying	$7 15

GENERAL REPAIRS OF HIGHWAYS.

A. O. Clark, Surveyor.

Paid Andrew Dyer and team .	$206 37
Thomas F. Finnegan and team	198 68
Michael J. Brandley and team	105 94
G. E. Coy and team .	8 17
Eugene O. Smith . .	69 54
John E. Finnegan . .	112 64
Alden H. Holbrook . .	102 41
John McManus . .	65 10
James A. Reynolds . .	43 11
J. W. T. Holbrook . .	23 11
Elmer E. Dyer . . .	2 00
I. Willie Hayden, 318 loads gravel	25 44
Hannah F. Courser, 8 loads gravel	64
L. B. Hollis, 187 loads gravel	14 96
N. H. Hunt, 132 loads gravel	10 56
W. M. Babbitt, 104 loads gravel	10 40
Stephen Thayer, 62 loads gravel	3 72
J. B. Rhines & Co., lumber	4 00

Paid H. M. White, supplies .	$1 28	
David W. Lewis, grates and bases	7 80	
C. G. Anderson, woodwork	7 50	
H. H. Thayer, iron work .	16 85	
William H. Cobb, tools .	35 30	
C. H. Hobart, supplies .	9 79	
O. M. Rogers, supplies .	38	
		$1,085 69
Widening Washington street, 1897—Order drawn to A. O. Clark for James Gill, land damage . .	$127 00	
Ellis Hollingsworth, land damage . . .	78 00	
		205 00
Credit.		
By order for payment to James Gill, returned to Treasurer	$127 00	

STONE ROAD.

Wm. W. Mayhew, Surveyor.

Paid James Maher, self and team, labor . . .	$69 23	
John J. Maher, labor .	39 54	
Wm. May, man and team, labor	25 75	
Eli Frazier, labor . .	39 54	
R. Allen Gage, man and team, labor . . .	20 23	
Peter J. Donahoe, labor .	16 54	
Maurice E. Flynn, labor .	3 00	
John D. Griffin, team, labor	5 69	
		$219 52

GRAVELING.

Lowell and Park Streets to Date.

Paid James Maher, self and team, labor	$63 00	
John J. Maher, labor . .	36 00	
Eli Frazier, labor . .	34 00	
R. Allen Gage, man and team, labor . . .	59 11	
Peter J. Donahoe, labor .	36 00	
John Maher, labor . .	32 00	
William May, team, labor .	14 25	
John D. Griffin, team .	12 25	
		$286 61

HIGHWAY REPAIRS.

Wm. W. Mayhew, Surveyor.

Paid James Maher, self and team labor	$312 68
John J. Maher, labor .	173 62
Eli Frazier, labor . .	117 32
Peter J. Donahoe, labor .	65 32
Wm. May, men and team labor	93 75
John Griffin, men and team labor	35 50
R. Allen Gage, man and team	27 26
Jerrie Decoste, labor .	8 44
Maurice E. Flynn, labor .	5 00
Edward E. Sullivan, labor	12 00

Paid William Carpenter, labor .	$2 00	
William May, labor . .	1 50	
George H. Holbrook, repairs on Middle street Bridge . . .	33 41	
J. M. Arnold, tools and supplies . . .	3 36	
Frank A. Bates, tools and supplies . . .	3 37	
Ames Plow Company, supplies , ...	5 39	
N. E. Hollis, constructing sidewalk West and Tremont street, 1887 . .	88 65	
W. Witherell, highway repairs, Middle street .	3 12	
T. H. Libby, highway repairs Middle street .	12 00	
C. A. Hobart, highway repairs	1 50	
R. A. Gage, highway repairs	75	
J. B. Rhines, drain pipe .	9 46	
E. H. Drinkwater, repairs Elm street . . .	4 50	
		$1,019 90

MOUNT VERNON AVENUE.

Appropriation	$500 00

Paid White & Wetherbee, surveying . . .	$25 55	
William May on contract .	150 00	
		$175 55
Unexpended . .		324 45

WIDENING COMMERCIAL STREET.

Paid White & Wetherbee, surveying	98 60

REPAIRS OF HIGHWAYS.

J. P. Hayward, Surveyor.

Paid Michael Preston, labor, self and team . .	$210 08
John McMahon, labor .	84 00
Thomas Arthur, labor, self and team . . .	58 87
James McMahon, labor .	56 00
Thomas P. Fogg, labor .	39 00
Winfield S. Glover, labor, self and team . .	31 84
John O'Rourke, labor .	30 00
Garrett Haley, labor . .	26 00
Morris Gurney, labor, self and team . . .	24 11
Dennis Kiley, labor . .	22 00
James Connell, labor, self and team . . .	11 37
Jacob W. Klay, labor .	8 00

Paid James Fowler, labor, self and team . . .	$5 87	
Benjamin F. Torrey, labor	12 00	
Samuel Henry, labor . .	34 51	
J. B. Rhines & Co., lumber and drain pipe . .	69 93	
Hayward Brothers, carpenter work . . .	23 09	
Harry E. Dolbere, 150 feet wire fence . . .	15 00	
George E. Fogg, carting gravel	150 00	
F. W. Sanborn, lumber .	36 51	
W. I. Jordan, iron work .	48 71	
J. A. and W. Bird & Co., paint for bridge . .	17 31	
Barber & Stockwell, street grate	4 75	
Robert Brooks, painting drawbridge . . .	45 85	
Baker Hardware Co., tools	45	
Fore River Engine Co., labor and stock . .	4 39	
P. J. Williams & Co., for one-half of the expense repairing drawbridge .	230 08	
(Error) order overdrawn .	34 51	
		$1,334 23

Credit.

By order overdrawn . .	34 51
Due from Quincy & Boston Street Railway . .	44 33

SIDEWALKS.

J. P. Hayward, Surveyor.

Paid Michael Preston, labor, self and team . . .	$36 99	
Winfield S. Glover, labor, self and team . .	16 87	
Garrett Haley, labor . .	9 00	
John McMahon, labor .	4 00	
James McMahon, labor .	3 00	
George E. Fogg, carting sand and paving . .	26 55	
H. Gore & Co., laying paving	32 64	
Charles Wilson, 1,600 paving	27 20	
		$156 25

CARE OF DRAWBRIDGE.

Paid S. F. Whitmarsh . .	$55 00	
Benjamin F. Torrey . .	45 00	
		$100 00

FIRE DEPARTMENT.

HOSE NO. 1.

Paid John Kelley, pay of members	$112 50	
Theodore B. Allen, pay of members	92 50	
F. A. Smith, Collector, taxes	18 03	
Wm. J. Orr, Steward .	40 00	
		$263 03

HOSE NO. 2.

Paid Francis J. Mansfield, Treas.	$142 59	
F. A. Smith, Collector, taxes.	14 91	
		$157 50

HOOK AND LADDER NO. 2.

Paid C. M. Reviere, Treas., pay of members . . .	$158 50	
C. S. Hannaford, . .	7 50	
F. A. Smith, Collector, taxes	14 00	
C. V. Cottrall, Steward .	65 00	
		245 00

HOSE NO. 3.

Paid E. F. Watkins, Treas., pay of members . .	$147 22	
F. A. Smith, Collector, taxes	32 78	
		180 00

HOOK AND LADDDER NO. 1.

Paid Maurice G. Flynn, Treas., pay of members . .	$160 00	
Frank A. Smith, Collector, taxes	20 00	
James F. Lee, Steward .	65 00	
		245 00
		$1,090 53

ENGINEERS.

Paid Oliver B. Battles . .	50 00	
J. F. Gallivan . . .	30 00	
		80 00

NEW HOSE.

Appropriation		$325 00
Paid Combination Ladder Co. .	$324 25	
		$324 35

INCIDENTAL EXPENSES — FIRE DEPARTMENT.

Paid Electric Light Department, light	$50 68
Water Department, water and repairs . . .	37 00
D. H. B. Thayer, use of horses, 1897 . . .	107 33
D. H. B. Thayer, use of horses, 1898 . . .	92 15
William May, use of horses, 1898	25 00
Electric Light Department, repairs of fire alarm .	139 39
N. E. Gamewell Co., supplies and repairs . .	74 45
J. F. Sheppard & Sons, use of horses . . .	15 00
J. F. Sheppard & Sons, coal	16 50
James Maher, coal . .	6 50
O. M. Rogers, supplies .	16 80
Beatie Zinc Works, supplies for fire alarm .	14 00
Bibber & White Co., supplies for fire alarm .	33 49
Electric Gas Lighting Co., supplies for fire alarm .	137 76
H. H. Thayer, iron work .	23 45

Paid C. G. Anderson, painting truck and repairs . .	$93 50
W. P. Mercer, superintendant of fire alarm . .	106 32
Cornelius Callahan Co., supplies	100 75
Peter Ness, painting .	32 76
D. Griffin, use of horses .	24 00
J. F. Gallivan, boots and repairs on coats . .	15 00
John Gallivan, labor and supplies . . .	6 50
C. S. Hannaford, supplies,	10 43
Thomas J. Cain, use of horses	4 25
Whalen & Foren, iron work,	1 75
C. H. Hobart, supplies .	8 21
Wm. M. Jordan, expressing	2 30
Crefeld Electrical Works, supplies . . .	6 01
Pratt & Pratt, printing .	7 75
Fore River Engine Co., repairs	50
Wm. E. Rudderham, repairs	1 40
C. M. Kimball, supplies .	1 50
W. P. Brown, expressing .	5 50
C. H. Custance, labor .	2 50
George H. Holbrook, use of horses and repairs .	5 58
C. W. H. Moulton, supplies	20 00
Joseph J. Bates, labor and supplies . . .	12 36

Paid A. S. Jackson, supplies .	$3 00	
J. Dalton, watching fire .	4 00	
Patrick Mehan, watching fire	4 00	
James McDonnell, watching fire	2 00	
Eugene Coy, watching fire,	2 00	
B. H. Woodsum Co., coal,	6 00	
W. I. Jordan, iron work .	1 75	
Richard Belyea, iron work,	2 20	
		$1,283 32
Credit by sale of old copper .	$5 00	

ASSESSORS' ACCOUNT.

Pay of school teachers . .	$14,145 00
Superintendent of schools .	1,400 00
Janitors of schools . . .	1,800 00
Text books and supplies . .	1,600 00
Incidentals for schools . .	400 00
Incidentals for school-houses .	1,000 00
Fuel for school-houses . .	1,200 00
Conveyance of pupils . .	725 00
Fire Department, general expenses	800 00
Repairs on engine houses . .	100 00
New hose	325 00
Pay of members . . .	1,225 00
Repairs on apparatus . .	100 00
Hydrant service . . .	4,150 00
Sinking fund water loan . .	5,120 00
Electric light department . .	9,000 00
Note, Jonas Perkin's school-house	3,100 00
Note, Monatiquot school-house .	3,300 00

Note, electric light . . .	2,000 00	
Interest on town debt . .	5,000 00	
General repairs of highways .	3,000 00	
Stone roads	3,500 00	
Sidewalks	1,000 00	
Removal of snow . . .	1,500 00	
Night Police	2,190 00	
Janitor town hall and library .	600 00	
Town hall	150 00	
Town lands	100 00	
Insurance	700 00	
Incidental expenses . . .	2,500 00	
Abatement of taxes . . .	1,500 00	
Court fees and expenses . .	100 00	
Thayer Public Library . .	1,000 00	
Distributing books . . .	100 00	
Grand army	175 00	
Support of poor . . .	4,000 00	
Soldiers' relief . . .	400 00	
Soldiers' aid	100 00	
Target and furnishings to Co. K, 5th Regt. . . .	250 00	
Assessors' plans . . .	1,000 00	
Drain, Franklin street . .	500 00	
Town officers	3,650 00	
		$84,505 00
Less bank and corporation taxes		7,000 00
		$77,505 00
State tax		2,610 00
County tax		3,883 93
		$83,998 93
Overlayings		2,025 58
		$86,024 51

TABLE OF AGGREGATES MADE BY ASSESSORS.

Number of residents assessed on property, individuals	1,032
All others	19
	1,051
Number of non-residents assessed on property, individuals	252
All others	17
	269
Whole number assessed on property	1,320
Whole number assessed for poll only	956
Whole number of polls assessed	1,539
On each poll	$2 00
Value of assessed personal estate	$705,650 00
Value of assessed real estate:	
Buildings, excluding land	2,244,625 00
Land, excluding buildings	1,607,150 00
Total valuation	$4,557,425 00
Total tax on personal estate	$12,842 83
Total tax on real estate	70,102 30
Total tax on polls	3,078 00
Extra on fractions of cent	1 38
Total tax	$86,024 51
Additional taxes	274 81
	$86,299 32

RECAPITULATION.

Orders drawn for school teachers	$15,164 50
Janitors	1,758 02
Superintendent of schools .	1,348 02
Fuel for schools . .	2,322 03
Conveying pupils . .	781 00
Text books and supplies .	2,035 30
Incidentals for schools .	496 18
Incidentals for school-houses	1,465 61
Almshouse . . .	2,188 87
Out-door poor . . .	2,797 32
Soldiers' relief . . .	395 52
Hospitals	773 29
State aid, Chap. 301 . .	2,212 00
State aid, Chap. 561, Acts 1898	120 00
Soldiers' aid, Chap. 279 .	144 00
Incidental expenses . .	3,259 93
Town officers . . .	3,714 99
General repairs of highways	4,807 51
Stone road . . .	3,764 07
Sidewalks . . .	375 92
Land damage — widening Washington street .	205 00
Draw-bridge . . .	100 00
Lowell and Park streets .	286 61
Surveying Hancock ave. .	7 15
Snow account—H. L. White and selectmen . .	2,850 87
Widening Commercial st. .	98 60
Drain—Franklin street .	326 00
Mount Vernon avenue .	175 55
Town hall . . .	574 58

Orders drawn for janitor town hall and library . .	$600 00	
Town lands . . .	59 00	
Fire department — pay of members . . .	1,090 53	
Engineers of fire department	80 00	
Incidental expenses — fire department . . .	1,283 32	
New hose . . .	324 35	
Night police . . .	2,168 00	
Court fees . . .	201 99	
Collection and abatement of taxes	587 12	
Thayer Public Library .	1,000 00	
Distributing books . .	100 00	
Assessors' plans . .	913 25	
Insurance on public buildings	1,082 75	
Sinking funds—water loan,	5,120 00	
Hydrant service . .	4,150 00	
Co. K, 5th Regt. . .	325 71	
Grand Army of the Republic	175 00	
Patriotic demonstration and flag raising . .	467 17	
		$74,276 63

TREASURER'S ACCOUNT.

P. D. Holbrook, Treasurer.

Dr.

To balance in treasury, January 1, 1898 . . .	$9,970 42	
Received from :—		
Collector of Taxes, 1895 .	127 36	
Collector of Taxes, 1896 .	1,235 63	
Collector of Taxes, 1897 .	24,028 45	
Collector of Taxes, 1898 .	52,412 64	
A. O. Clark, manager electric light department .	7,003 77	
		$94,778 27
For sundry notes :—		
Boston Five Cent Savings Bank	$25,000 00	
New England Trust Co. .	20,000 00	
Bond & Goodwin . .	15,000 00	
		60,000 00
Received from State Treasurer :—		
Corporation tax of 1898 .	$5,854 64	
Corporation and bank tax, 1897	698 84	
National Bank tax, 1898 .	1,508 00	
Military aid, chapter 279 .	72 00	
State aid, chapter 301 .	2,076 00	
For rent of Armory, Co. K	400 00	
		10,609 48

Interest on deposit from Mt. Wollaston National bank		$227 46
Received from selectmen :—		
Fines from district court .	$15 92	
Lots sold in Plain street cemetery . . .	20 00	
Licenses for billiard and bowling alley . .	24 00	
Use of town hall . .	18 00	
Licenses for slaughter houses	3 00	
Licenses for druggists .	2 00	
Orders Nos. 1016 and 122, overdrawn . . .	95 04	
Order No. 441, returned .	127 00	
Order overdrawn, credit snow account . .	2 75	
Order No. 104, void .	4 68	
Removing snow . .	203 39	
Highways . . .	164 20	
Gutter cleaning . .	7 00	
Screenings . . .	2 30	
Sale of hay . . .	1 00	
Sale of old copper . .	5 00	
Road scraper . . .	8 00	
Overpaid on board of Geo. Maguire . . .	10	
From Hospital account .	338 92	
New England Telephone Co.	25 85	
Tax deed of Sheehan property	35 32	
Credit to school department	74 01	
For use of steam roller Town of Cohasset . .	465 25	
		1,642 73

Received from Overseers Poor Department: —		
City of Quincy . . .	$41 61	
Town of Duxbury . .	42 75	
State paupers . . .	18 90	
Credit to Almshouse .	112 36	
		$215 62
For widening Washington street		2,065 00
		$169,538 56

Cr.

By cash paid on orders		$82,825 66
Sundry notes paid: —		
Boston Five Cent Savings Bank	$25,000 00	
New England Trust Co. .	20,000 00	
New England Trust Co. .	15,000 00	
Jonas Perkins school building	3,100 00	
Monatiquot school building	3,300 00	
Electric Light Plant . .	2,000 00	
Mary A. Prescott, on acct. Electric Light Dept. .	500 00	
		68,900 00
County tax to Treasurer for 1898 . .		3,883 93
State tax to Treasurer for 1898 . . .		2,610 00
State Treasurer, druggist's license . .		50
For interest and discount on notes: —		
R. H. Gardner, Treasurer Thayer Academy . .	$400 00	
N. H. Hunt, Treasurer Thayer Library . .	400 00	
State Treasurer on Jonas Perkins school building .	360 36	
State Treasurer on notes .	1,180 42	

For interest and discount on notes :—		
Anna L. and Mary A. Prescott notes . . .	$120 00	
Warren Institution of Savings on Monatiquot school building . . .	280 48	
Electric Light bonds .	660 00	
Boston Five Cent Savings Bank	770 83	
New England Trust Co. .	300 00	
Bond & Goodwin . .	227 25	
		$4,699 34
		$162,919 43
By balance in treasury Dec. 15, 1898		6,619 13
		$169,538 56

Examined and verified the accounts of P. D. Holbrook, Treasurer, from January 1, 1898, to December 15, 1898, inclusive, and the balance of ($6,619.13) six thousand six hundred nineteen and $\frac{13}{100}$ dollars on deposit in the Mt. Wollaston National Bank, Quincy, transferred December 24, 1898, and January 13, 1899, to Benj. F. Dyer, Treasurer, *pro. tem.*

1898, Dec. 24, check from bank . . .	$6,601 94
1899, Jan. 13, check from bank . . .	17 19
	$6,619 13

DANIEL POTTER,

BRAINTREE, Jan. 13, 1899. *Auditor.*

BENJ. F. DYER, TREASURER, IN ACCOUNT WITH TOWN OF BRAINTREE.

December 24 to 31 inclusive, 1898.

To cash received :—		
From Mount Wollaston National Bank, account of P. D. Holbrook, Treasurer	$6,619 13	
F. A. Smith, Collector of Taxes, 1897 . . .	675 35	
F. A. Smith, Collector of Taxes, 1898 . . .	5,495 81	
A. O. Clark, Manager Electric Light . . .	237 53	
Selectmen :—		
Rebate on insurance . .	49	
Almshouse . . .	138 27	
Town Hall . . .	218 00	
Fines from District Court .	71 35	
School Text Books . .	77 17	
County Treasurer, Dog Licenses	656 19	
Treasurer of Braintree, School Fund	350 00	
J. F. Hayward, unexpended balance on Highways .	34 51	
		$14,573 80
By cash paid :—		
194 orders drawn by Selectmen . . .	$7,473 38	
Four orders drawn by Electric Light Department .	363 10	

By cash paid :—

Warren Institution for Savings, six months' interest on $9,900 . . .	210 36	
N. H. Hunt, Treasurer Thayer Library, interest on $10,000 . . .	400 00	
Balance	6,126 96	
		$14,573 80

Examined the above accounts, all vouchers furnished and the balance of ($6,126.96) Sixty-one hundred twenty-six and 96-100 dollars certified by Cashier Wollaston National Bank, Quincy, being on deposit to credit of Benj. F. Dyer, Treasurer pro tem.

DANIEL POTTER,

Auditor.

BRAINTREE, Jan. 23, 1899.

LIABILITIES OF THE TOWN.

DECEMBER 31, 1898.

WATER DEBT.

	Dr.	*Cr.*
One hundred thousand dollars in bonds, issued July 1, 1887, bearing interest at the rate of 4 per cent., per annum, payable July 1, 1917 .	$100,000 00	
One hundred and fifty thousand dollars in bonds, issued June 1, 1891, bearing interest at the rate of 4 per cent., per annum, payable June 1, 1921 . . .	150,000 00	
Six thousand dollars in bonds, issued August 1, 1896, bearing interest at the rate of 4 per cent., per annum, payable August 1, 1926 .	6,000 00	
Total amount water bonds issued . . .	$256,000 00	

For the payment of the above the town has sinking funds as follows :—

	Dr.	Cr.
Sinking fund, loan of July 1, 1887		$27,360 82
Sinking fund, loan of June 1, 1891		24,046 30
Sinking fund, loan of August 1, 1896		242 40
Total sinking funds .		$51,649 52
Cr.		
Balance net water debt .		204,350 48
	$256,000 00	$256,000 00
Dr.		
Net water loan debt .	204,350 48	

ELECTRIC LIGHTING DEPARTMENT.

	Dr.	Cr.
Sixteen municipal lighting bonds, dated April 5, 1893, due April 5, 1917, $1,000 each, at 4 per cent. per annum .	$16,000 00	
One municipal lighting bond, dated April 5, 1893, $500, at 4 per cent. per annum .	500 00	
Total municipal lighting bonds .	$16,500 00	
For the payment of the above the town has a sinking fund amounting to		$2,327 61
Balance net debt municipal lighting loan		14,172 39
	$16,500 00	$16,500 00

	Dr.	Cr.
Net debt municipal lighting loan,	$14,172 39	
State treasurer, nine notes of $2,000 each, at 4 per cent. per annum, one note payable annually, May 2, 1899, May 2, 1907, inclusive, issued on account of electric light plant . . .	18,000 00	
Special loan, electric light department, for new dynamo and new building :—		
Mary A. Prescott, two notes of $500 each, at 4 per cent. per annum, one each, payable Oct. 26, 1899, Oct. 26, 1903	$1,000 00	
Annie L. Prescott, three notes of $500 each, at 4 per cent. per annum, one each, payable Oct. 26, 1900, Oct. 26, 1901, and Oct. 26, 1902	1,500 00	
Net electric light debt . .	$34,672 39	

NOTES OUTSTANDING.

The town owes the following notes, with accrued interest:

Trustees of Thayer Library, note dated March 7, 1894, due on demand, at 4 per cent. per annum . . .	$10,000 00	
Trustees of Thayer Academy, note dated March 7, 1894,		

due on demand, at 4 per cent. per annum . .	$10,000 00	
Warren Institution for Savings, three notes dated July 1, 1891, of $3,300 each, due July 1, 1899, 1900 and 1901, at 4¼ per cent. per annum, issued on account of the Monatiquot school building	9,900 00	
State Treasurer, six notes dated February 1, 1894, of $3,100 each, due annually February 1, 1899, to February 1, 1904, inclusive, at 3⅞ per cent. per annum, issued on account of the Jonas Perkins school building .	18,600 00	
Bond & Goodwin, note dated October 5, 1898, on six months, at 3.03 per cent. per annum . . .	15,000 00	
Total notes (except electric light notes)		$63,500 00

RECAPITULATION OF BONDED DEBT.

	Dr. BONDS ISSUED.	*Cr.* SINKING FUNDS.
Water bonds	$256,000 00	$51,649 52
Municipal lighting bonds . .	16,500 00	2,327 61
Balance due on bonds . .		218,522 87
	$272,500 00	$272,500 00

	Dr.
December 31, 1898, balance .	$218,522 87

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Of the Town, Dec. 31, 1898.

	Dr.	*Cr.*
Net debt, water loan bonds .	$204,350 48	
Net debt, municipal lighting bonds	14,172 39	
Notes issued on account of electric light plant . .	20,500 00	
Sundry notes outstanding .	63,500 00	
Accrued interest on water bonds	600 00	
Accrued interest on municipal lighting bonds . .	165 00	
Accrued interest on sundry notes	690 31	
Sundry bills, rendered to late for payment in 1898 . .	1,931 13	
		$305,909 31

Assets of the Town—Not Including Public Property, Dec. 31, 1898.

Balance in the town treasury .	6,126 96
Balance in the water works treasury . . .	5,699 56
Due from collection of taxes, 1897 . . .	5,187 70

Due from collection of taxes, 1898		$28,412 60
from electric light department, unpaid bills . .		3,561 97
from water department, unpaid bills for service and pipes		3,329 00
from State for State aid, Chapter 301 . . .		2,392 00
from State for State aid, Chapter 279 . . .		123 00
from State for State aid, Chapter 561 . . .		120 00
from cities and towns pauper account . . .		176 36
from hospital account .		646 54
from City of Quincy reservoir rent		98 05
from Braintree Street Ry. Co., account, snow bills		81 65
from Braintree & Weymouth Street Ry. Co., account, snow bills. . .		39 80
from Braintree & Weymouth Street Ry. Co., account, snow bills . .		2 30
		$55,997 49
Balance carried forward		249,911 82
	$305,909 31	$305,909 31

Dr.

Net debt of town, December 31, 1898	$249,911 82

DANIEL POTTER, *Auditor.*

INSURANCE ACCOUNT.

Insurance in force from December 31, 1898.

	On Buildings.	On Contents.	Total.
Monatiquot School	$27,000 00	$1,500 00	$28,500 00
Perkins School .	27,000 00	3,000 00	30,000 00
Union School .	8,000 00	500 00	8,500 00
Pond School .	9,050 00	900 00	9,950 00
Middle St. School	800 00		800 00
Town Hall . .	19,100 00	900 00	20,000 00
Almshouse . .	9,000 00	2,200 00	11,200 00
Almshouse barn .	1,100 00		1,100 00
Electric Light Station . .	5,369 00	11,681 00	17,050 00
Union Engine House . .	1,800 00		1,800 00
Butcher Boy House . .	1,000 00		1,000 00
Wampatuck hook and ladder house	1,000 00		1,000 00
Boiler insurance :			
Town House .	5,000 00		5,000 00
Electric Light .	10,000 00		10,000 00
Perkins School .	10,000 00		10,000 00
	$135,219 00	$20,681 00	$155,900 00
Electric Light Department :			
"Liability" employes . .	$5,000 00		$5,000 00
"Liability" public	10,000 00		10,000 00
	$150,219 00	$20,681 00	$170,900 00

COLLECTOR'S ACCOUNT.

N. F. Hunt, Collector.

Dr.

Balance due on tax of 1895 .	$108 10	
Interest collected on tax of 1895	19 26	
		$127 36

Cr.

Principal paid Treasurer . .	$108 10	
Interest paid Treasurer . .	19 26	
		$127 36

Dr.

Balance due on tax of 1896 .	$1,150 61	
Interest collected on tax of 1896	85 02	
		$1,236 63

Cr.

Principal paid Treasurer . .	$1,150 61	
Interest paid Treasurer . .	85 02	
		$1,235 63

DANIEL POTTER,
Auditor.

Braintree, Jan. 3, 1899.

Frank A. Smith, Collector.

Dr.

Balance due on taxes, 1897 .	$29,516 65
Interest collected on taxes, 1897	374 85

Cr.

Paid P. D. Holbrook, Treasurer		$23,671 02
Interest paid P. D. Holbrook, Treasurer . . .		357 43
Paid Benj. F. Dyer, Treasurer		657 93
Interest paid Benj. F. Dyer, Treasurer . . .		17 42
Balance due from Collector on 1897 taxes . . .		5,187 70
	$29,891 50	$29,891 50

Dr.

Total tax, 1898 . . .	$86,301 42	
Interest collected . . .	19 63	

Cr.

Paid P. D. Holbrook, Treasurer		$52,403 01
Interest paid P. D. Holbrook, Treasurer		9 63
Paid Benj. F. Dyer, Treasurer .		5,485 81
Interest paid Benj. F. Dyer, Treasurer . . .		10 00
Balance due from Collector on 1898 taxes . . .		28,412 60
	$86,321 05	$86,321 05

Amount taxes due from 1897 . .	$5,187 70
Amount taxes due from 1898 . .	28,412 60
	$33,600 30

DANIEL POTTER,

Auditor.

BRAINTREE, Jan. 19, 1899.

BRAINTREE SCHOOL FUND TRUSTEES.

P. D. Holbrook, Treasurer.

Dr.		
To balance on hand Jan. 1, 1898,	$1,000 13	
Cash received from dividends of Eliot National Bank, Boston	18 00	
Union National Bank, Weymouth	28 00	
National Granite Bank, Quincy	60 00	
Quincy Savings Bank, interest	6 39	
Cash received of N. E. Hayden on account rent . .	200 00	
Cash received of G. W. Osgood on account rent . .	18 75	
Cr.		
By cash paid C. H. Hobart for insurance . . .		$13 80
Balance on hand deposited in Braintree Savings Bank .		655 40
Quincy Savings Bank .		662 07
	$1,331 27	$1,331 27

Examined the account of P. D. Holbrook, Treasurer, and the balance of ($1,317.47) thirteen hundred seventeen and $\frac{47}{100}$ dollars, deposited as follows:

Braintree Savings Bank book No. 2,210 . . .	$655 40
Quincy Savings Bank book No. 19,284	662 07
	$1,317 47

DANIEL POTTER,

Auditor.

BRAINTREE, Jan. 12, 1899.

AUDITOR'S REPORT.

STATEMENT OF APPROPRIATIONS AGAINST EXPENDITURES FOR 1898.

		Appropriations.	Expended.	Unexpended.	In Excess.	Credits.
For pay of school teachers	$14,145 00	$15,151 19	$15,164 50		$13 31	
dog tax, 1898	656 19					
school fund	350 00					
Superintendent of schools . . .		1,400 00	1,348 02	51 98		
Janitors for schools		1,800 00	1,758 02	41 98		
Text books and supplies . . .		1,600 00	2,035 30		435 30	151 18
Incidentals for schools . . .		400 00	496 18		96 18	
Incidentals for school houses . .		1,000 00	1,465 61		465 61	
Fuel for schools		1,200 00	2,322 03		1,122 03	
Conveyance of pupils . . .		725 00	781 00		56 00	
Fire department general expenses and repairs		1,000 00	1,283 32		283 32	5 00
For new hose		325 00	324 35	65		
For pay of members and engineers .		1,225 00	1,170 53	54 47		
Water department hydrant service .		4,150 00	4,150 00			
Water loan sinking fund . . .		5,120 00	5,120 00			
Electric light department for street lights . .	$9,000 00	16,409 23	16,450 10		40 87	
Revenue from light and jobbing . . .	7,409 23					

Note Jonas Perkins school house	3,100 00	3,100 00			
Note Monatiquot school house	3,300 00	3,300 00			
Note electric light plant	2,000 00	2,000 00			
Highways and bridges $3,000 00 Additional 1,000 00	4,000 00	4,907 51		907 51	60 36
Removal of snow	1,500 00	2,850 87		1,350 87	
Interest on Town debt	5,000 00	5,000 00			
Town officers	3,650 00	3,714 99		64 99	
Support of poor	4,000 00	4,986 19		986 19	676 53
Night police	2,190 00	2,168 00	22 00		
Janitor Town Hall and Library	600 00	600 00			
Town Hall	150 00	574 58		424 58	248 90
Town lands	100 00	59 00	41 00		1 00
Insurance	700 00	1,082 75		382 75	
Incidental expenses	2,500 00	3,259 93		759 93	400 00
Collection and abatement of taxes	1,500 00	587 12	912 88		
Court fees and expenses	100 00	201 99		101 99	87 20
Public Library	1,000 00	1,000 00			
Distributing books	100 00	100 00			
Grand Army of the Republic	175 00	175 00			
Soldiers' relief, Acts of 1890	400 00	395 52	4 48		
Soldiers' aid, chap. 279	100 00	144 00		44 00	72 00
State aid, chap. 301, *special*	2,300 00	2,212 00	88 00		2,212 00
Widening Washington street, *land damage*		205 00		205 00	
State aid, chap. 561 Acts 1898		120 00		120 00	120 00
Hospitals, *special*	600 00	773 29		173 29	773 29

AUDITOR'S REPORT — *Continued.*

	Appropriations.	Expended.	Unexpended.	In Excess.	Credits.
Widening Commercial street, *special* .	$10,000 00	$ 98 60	$9,901 40		
Widening Mt. Vernon square, *special*	500 00	175 55	324 45		
Franklin street drain . . .	500 00	326 00	174 00		
Lowell and Park streets, *special* .	500 00	286 61	213 39		
Stone roads	3,500 00	3,764 07		$264 07	
Sidewalks	1,000 00	375 92	624 08		
Surveying Hancock avenue, *special* .	200 00	7 15	192 85		
Assessor's plans	1,000 00	913 25	86 75		
Company K, 5th Regiment . .	250 00	325 71		75 71	
Patriotic demonstration and flag raising		467 17		467 17	
	$108,020 42	$104,126 73	$12,734 36	$8,840 67	$4,807 46

December 31, 1898.

SINKING FUND ACCOUNTS.

P. D. Holbrook, Treasurer.

		Dr.	Cr
Water loan of 1887	$27,360 82		
Less premium .	41 50		
		$27,319 32	
Water loan of 1891 . . .		24,046 30	
Water loan of 1896 . . .		242 40	
Electric loan of 1893 . .		2,327 61	
Amount transferred (see schedule) to Benj. F. Dyer, Treasurer . . .			$53,935 63
December 31, 1898 . . .		$53,935 63	$53,935 63

Benj. F. Dyer, Treasurer.

Water loan of 1887	$27,319 32	
Less amount carried to premium account on bonds .	800 70	
		$26,518 62
Water loan of 1891	$24,046 30	
Less amount carried to premium account . . .	1,222 61	
		22,823 69

Electric light loan of 1893 . ..	$2,327 61	
Less amount carried to premium account . .	98 33	
		$2,229 28
Water loan of 1896 . . .		242 40
		$51,813 99
Net amount of loans	$51,813 99	
Amount of premium account . .	2,121 64	
	$53,935 63	

The accounts and securities from the late treasurer, P. D. Holbrook, having been transferred to Acting-Treasurer Benj. F. Dyer, the latter has recorded, as per statement above, all the bonds belonging to each separate loan, at their par value and carried all premiums and accrued interest paid on said bonds to the premium account of each loan.

DANIEL POTTER,
Auditor.

BRAINTREE, Dec. 31, 1898.

BENJ. F. DYER, TREASURER SINKING FUND COMMISSIONERS, IN ACCOUNT WITH THE TOWN OF BRAINTREE.

December 31, 1898.

Dr.

Investment :—	
One Canton, Ohio, bond, due 1911, 5 per cent. .	$1,000 00

Investment :—		
Two Boston, Revere Beach and Lynn Railroad 4½ per cent. bonds, due 1927 .	$2,000 00	
One Rumford Falls and Rangely Railroad 5 per cent. bond, due 1937 .	1,000 00	
Three Town of Braintree water bonds, 4 per cent., due 1921 . . .	3,000 00	
Eleven Town of Braintree municipal electric light bonds, 4 per cent., due 1917	10,500 00	
Four Fitchburg Railroad bonds, $1,000 each, 4 per cent., due 1920, cost	3,877 11	
Mortgage note, H. L. Dearing, 4½ per cent. . .	3,500 00	
Deposit in Braintree Savings Bank . . .	594 82	
Deposit in Randolph Savings Bank . . .	1,021 69	
Deposit in Quincy Savings Bank	25 00	
		$26,518 62

Cr.

Sinking funds :—		
For water loan of 1887 .	$26,518 62	
		26,518 62

Dr.

Investments :—		
Six Canton, Ohio, bonds, due 1911, 5 per cent. .	$6,000 00	

Investments :—		
Three Boston, Revere Beach and Lynn Railroad 4½ per cent. bonds, due 1927 .	$3,000 00	
Six Town of Braintree municipal electric light bonds, 4 per cent., due 1917	6,000 00	
Three Town of Braintree water bonds, 4 per cent., due 1921 . . .	3,000 00	
Mortgage note, H. A. Jones, 4½ per cent. . . .	3,500 00	
Deposit in Quincy Savings Bank	1,323 69	
		$22,823 69

Cr.

For water loan, 1891 . .	$22,823 69	
		22,823 69

Dr.

Investments :—		
One Town of Braintree water bond, due 1921, 4 per cent. . . .	$1,000 00	
Deposit in Braintree Savings Bank . . .	329 97	
Deposit in Weymouth Savings Bank . . .	899 31	
		$2,229 28

Cr.

For municipal lighting loan of 1893	$2,229 28	
		$2,229 28

Dr.

Investments :—		
Deposit in East Weymouth Savings Bank . . .	$242 40	
		$242 40

Cr.

For water loan of 1896 . .	$242 40	
		$242 40

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES OF THE THAYER PUBLIC LIBRARY.

The statistics furnished by the librarian, and accompanying this report, supply all the essential information in regard to the use and growth of the library. Continued prosperity has marked its progress during the year, as in former years.

At the last annual meeting of the town, the following resolution was adopted: —

"That it is the sense of this meeting that the Public Library be kept open during the month of August, the same as during other months of the year."

In compliance with this request, the library has been kept open for the withdrawal of books during a portion of every secular day in the year, excepting holidays and the last week in August, when all unreturned books are called in, conformably to a custom which has been followed since it was first opened. This course will be pursued in the future.

Early in the year a communication from the School Committee was received by the trustees, requesting that certain special privileges in the borrowing of books from the library might be accorded to the teachers of our public schools for the benefit of their pupils. This request had the cordial endorsement of Superintendent Horne, upon information furnished by whom, in addition to that derived from other sources, it appeared that the plan had been adopted in a large number of public libraries in the Commonwealth, in-

cluding several in this immediate vicinity, and had been found to work great benefit to the schools, without interfering with the general purposes for which such libraries are established and maintained.

After careful consideration, the trustees determined to adopt it here, under the following restrictions, which it was believed would obviate any objections that might be brought against it, namely:

1. Ten books may be taken at a time for school use.

2. Books thus taken must be upon subjects connected with the studies of the school.

3. Teachers shall be responsible for all books taken, and shall return such books upon the written notification of the Librarian, that the same are desired by other persons than teachers.

4. Books taken on Teacher's Cards, are subject to the conditions governing the loan of single volumes on ordinary Library Cards.

5. Books taken by teachers on such cards, shall be returned at the expiration of one month from date of taking and all such shall be returned at least three days before the close of the Summer term.

6. Upon the return of said books, as provided in the first clause of Regulation 5, and subject to the above restrictions, any or all, of them may again be withdrawn by the same teacher for an additional period not exceeding two weeks, unless they have been called for in the meantime by some person other than a teacher.

7. No book shall be taken on such cards until it shall have appeared on the Library Catalogue for the period of two months.

8. The foregoing regulations are applicable to the teachers of the Thayer Academy, and of the High and Grammar schools, only.

These regulations are printed on the back of the card upon which the books are withdrawn.

The sole purpose of this arrangement, as will be seen, is to enable the teachers to encourage the reading of such books by the scholars as shall aid them in connection with their school work, and incidentally to foster the habit of the systematic reading of good books. Should this purpose be accomplished even in a limited degree, the result cannot fail to greatly increase the usefulness of our public library.

Among the books and pamphlets which have been donated to the library, a list of which is appended to the librarian's report, special mention should be made of the twenty volumes of the "Scientific American," presented by our former townsman, Mr. Eben Denton, in addition to the large number of volumes in the same series given by him in former years, which together constitute a very important accession to the reference branch of our library.

A mahogany office-desk has recently come into the possession of the library by gift, which once belonged to Mr. Benjamin Vinton French, a native and honored citizen of the town, who died April 11, 1860.

ASA FRENCH,
F. A. HOBART,
N. H. HUNT,
E. WATSON ARNOLD,
HENRY A. JOHNSON.

Trustees.

LIBRARIAN'S REPORT.

Number of days the Library was open . . .	299
Number of volumes borrowed	29,201

Of this number 26,816 were for home use and 2,385 for use in the Library.

Average daily issue	97+
Largest daily issue, Dec. 21	292
Smallest daily issue, June 17	4

The number of volumes circulated of each class is as follows :—

History	965	Fiction	17,421
Biography	666	Poetry	406
Travel	845	Juvenile	4,469
Science and Art	785	Miscellaneous	812
Literature	447	Reference	2,385

Number of bound volumes added	630
Number of pamphlets, papers, etc	343
Names registered during the year	216
Total number registered	5,769
Number of bound volumes in the Library (approximately)	12,285

A. M. ARNOLD,
Librarian.

GIFTS TO THE LIBRARY, 1898.

	Bound Volumes.	Pamphlets.
Adams, Hon. Charles Francis	1	
Bates, Frank Amasa		50
Boston Public Library		1
Baltimore Consolidation Coal Company	1	
Boston Metropolitan Water Board	1	
Barnes, William A., Boston	1	
Bradford Public Library, Connecticut	1	
Chase, Walter G., Boston		2
Cambridge Woman's Christian Union	1	
City of Chelsea	1	
Crooker, F. W. Braintree Observer.		
Denton, Eben, Scientific American Supplement	27	

	Bound Volumes.	Pamphlets.
Francis, John C., London . . .	1	
Free Public Library Commission . .	1	
Forbes Library, Northampton, Mass. .		1
Free Religious Association . . .		2
Gallinger, Hon. Jacob H., New Hampshire		1
Hartford Public Library	1	
Home Market Club, Boston . . .		12
Holbrook, W. C., Mrs. Hollis, Mrs. Nixon, Christian Science Journal .		12
Holbrook, W. C. and others . . .	1	
Jones, Hon. James K., Arkansas . .	1	
Kane, W. A., Braintree Reporter.		
Lummis, Charles F., California, "Land of Sunshine"		12
Littlefield, Ethel F., "Glimpses of Braintree"	1	
Massachusetts Institute of Technology .		1
Mohouk, Arbitration Conference, New York	1	
L. A. W. Co., Magazine for Good Roads, Roads.		
Palmer, Mrs. Charles Fallen, New York .	1	
Pratt & Pratt, Braintree Bee.		
Parsons, J Russell and others, Chicago .	1	
Pitkin, Caroline G., Miscellaneous Writings.		40
Penniman, Mrs. Edwin	2	
Pratt, Sterling E., Boston . . .		1
Pratt, Charles, Miscellaneous Pamphlets .		20
Record, S. P., New England's Prospect, 1629–1634, by William Wood . .	1	
Syracuse Central Library, New York .		1

	Bound Volumes.	Pamphlets.
Smith, Charles H., Norfolk County Treasurer	1	
Somerville Public Llbrary . . .		1
Tufts Library, Weymouth . . .		2
Towle Manufacturing Co., Northampton, Mass	1	
Thayer, Misses Susanna and Sarah H., 3 papers.		
Mayhew, Will W., "Bradford's History of Plimouth Plantation" . . .	1	

TREASURER'S REPORT.

Receipts.

Cash in Braintree Savings Bank	$501 06	
Received of Town Treasurer, Town appropriations .	1,000 00	
Town Treasurer, interest on note . . .	400 00	
Librarian, fines . .	35 39	
Librarian, catalogues .	65	
Braintree Savings Bank, interest	82	
		$1,937 92

Expenditures.

Paid Abbie M. Arnold, Librarian	$500 00
Abbie M. Arnold, assistant	125 00
Abbie M. Arnold, incidentals	6 91
Estes & Lauriat books .	256 58
Charles E. Lauriat Co., books	220 74

Paid Little, Brown & Co., .	$42 00
Little, Brown & Co., binding books . . .	12 00
Wm. H. Guild & Co., magazines	46 95
Geo. H. Walker & Co., map	12 00
Ticknor & Co., book .	3 00
Home Science Pub. Co., magazine . . .	1 00
F. J. Barnard & Co., binding books . . .	67 52
Geo. W. Prescott & Son, printing and advertising	20 00
Nash & Nye, printing .	7 00
Charles E. Nye, slips .	19 00
Alfred Mudge and Son, cards and slips . .	7 00
Braintree & Weymouth Pub. Co., printing .	1 00
J. F. Sheppard & Sons., coal	106 08
Town of Braintree, electric lights	47 82
Town of Braintree, water .	11 00
Town of Braintree, kindlings	6 60
C. H. Hobart, insurance .	152 00
C. H. Hobart, sundries .	4 59
A. W. Hobart, repairs .	18 38
Charles A. Hobart, labor .	2 53
Thomas B. Stoddard, glazing	1 50
John Gallivan, repairing boiler	13 90

Paid N. A. Torrey, stationery	$3 25	
Woodsum's Express Co., expressage	5 90	
New York & Boston Express Co., expressage .	1 60	
Perry's Express Co., expressage	35	
Pratt & Pratt, advertising .	1 00	
Henry W. Mansfield, brooms	40	
O. M. Rodgers, grate .	50	
Postage	38	
		$1,725 48
Balance in Savings Bank		212 44
		$1,937 92

N. H. HUNT, *Treasurer.*

BRAINTREE, Jan. 19, 1899.

FIRE DEPARTMENT.

Chief Engineer's Report for the Year Ending Dec. 31, 1898.

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen:

GENTLEMEN,—I herewith submit my annual report of the Fire Department for the year ending Dec. 31, 1898, together with some recommendations for the ensuing year:

FORCE OF DEPARTMENT.

The department consists of a chief engineer, two assistants, 39 hose men and 24 ladder men.

ROLLING STOCK.

The rolling stock of the department, — 2 hand engines, 2 hose reels, 2 hose wagons, 2 ladder trucks, 1 hose and ladder wagon.

FIRE ALARM.

I would recommend that the town adopt some different method than that in use at the present time, as in my opinion the cost of maintainence is many times more than it should be.

FIRE ALARMS, LOSSES AND INSURANCE.

The loss by fire for the past year is as follows:

Losses on buildings	$11,140 00
Losses on contents	5,718 85
Value on buildings	35,500 00
Value of contents	117,575 00
Insurance of buildings	31,500 00
Insurance of contents	116,168 85

There were fourteen alarms the past year, as follows:

Six first alarms for buildings, one second alarm, two alarms for woods, five false alarms, and three fires when no alarm was sounded.

HOUSES.

The engine houses are in good repair at the present time.

HOSE.

I would recommend that the town purchase more hose the present year.

APPROPRIATIONS.

To meet the expenses of the department for the ensuing year, I would recommend appropriations for salaries for engineers, firemen and stewards, $1,255, for expenses, care of fire alarm, engine-houses, apparatus and incidentals $800, for repair of fire alarm $300, for new hose $325, for repairs on apparatus $100, for change in battery $300, for three fire alarm boxes $300.

Respectfully submitted,

O. B. BATTLES, *Chief.*

TOWN OF BRAINTREE.

THE ELECTRIC LIGHT DEPARTMENT.

January 1, 1898, to January 1, 1899.

REPORT OF MANAGER OF ELECTRIC LIGHT DEPARTMENT.

During the past year the street lighting system has been extended on Hayward street to Shaw street where one arc light and two incandescent lights have been installed, and on Fountain street to Boscobel street, one arc light was installed, which was removed from Cleveland avenue where an incandescent light was substituted.

There has been thirty-one new consumers added to the house lighting system with 810 lights, making a total number of 5,614 house lights now connected with the domestic and commercial lighting service.

The present capacity of the steam plant is as follows :—

Two steam boilers . . .	125 horse power each
One Rollins engine . . .	125 horse power
One Green engine . . .	100 horse power

With no reserve power to depend upon, it is evident, the power at the station must be increased in the near future, as the present capacity of the plant cannot be depended upon to furnish power sufficient to operate the system when we take into consideration the large number of lights that are liable to be in use at any one time.

And I hereby recommend that the town take action to provide additional power at the earliest possible date, as the liability of a failure to furnish light to the large number of

consumers calls for some immediate action to be taken in order to supply additional power.

During the past year we have had two very severe storms which caused a great amount of damage to the street lines, besides causing great annoyance to consumers of light, hence the large amount expended for repairs of lines and lamps, viz., the sum of $2,136.79.

APPROPRIATIONS FOR ELECTRIC LIGHT DEPARTMENT.

For street lighting and extensions	$9,000 00	
The revenue from house lighting, meter rent and jobbing (net)	7,409 23	
Orders drawn in excess of appropriations . . .	40 87	
		$16,450 10
Amount expended:		
For operating expenses .	$14,189 38	
For extension of plant .	1,830 72	
For sinking fund . .	430 00	
		$16,450 10
Revenue from light, meter rent and jobbing for the year ending Dec. 31, 1898:		
Charged to consumers for light	$6,385 29	
Charged to consumers for meter rent . . .	266 57	

Revenue Charged to consumers for jobbing . . .	$850 38	
	$7,502 24	
Less abatements . .	93 01	
	$7,409 23	
Due from consumers Jan. 1, 1898 . . .	3,394 04	
		10,803 27

Cr.

By cash received and paid P. D. Holbrook, treasurer . .	7,003 77	
By cash received and paid B. F. Dyer, treasurer . . .	237 53	
Due from consumers Jan. 1, 1899	3,561 97	
		10,803 27

OPERATING EXPENSES.

Paid W. P. Mercer, superintendent.	1,150 00
Station wages . . .	2,629 78
Distribution wages . .	360 09
Jobbing wages . .	309 14
Repairs of lines and lamps	2,136 79
Repairs of real estate .	171 78
Repairs of electric plant .	271 93
Repairs of steam plant .	888 54
Distribution tools and stable account . . .	693 39
Coal	3,117 81
Water	278 43

Paid Insurance . . .	$794 13	
Station tools and appliances	67 83	
Office furniture and expenses	87 05	
Oil and waste . . .	165 78	
D. and C. lamps . .	313 22	
Jobbing material . .	312 65	
Carbons	178 20	
Globes	12 84	
Salary of manager . .	250 00	
		14,189 38

EXTENSION ACCOUNT.

Extension of lines and lamps .	708 36	
Extension of real estate . .	185 57	
Extension of electric plant .	129 12	
Arc lamps	142 07	
Transformers and installing .	289 80	
Meters	375 80	
		1,830 72
Sinking fund . .	430 00	
		430 00
		$16,450 10

EXPENSE ACCOUNT.

Paid Wallace P. Mercer, superintendent . . .	$1,150 00
Station wages, as per pay roll	2,629 78
Distribution wages, as per pay roll . . .	360 09

Paid jobbing wages, as per pay roll	$309 14	
J. F. Sheppard & Sons, coal	3,117 81	
Water department, water .	278 43	
P. D. Holbrook, treasurer, sinking fund . . .	430 00	
A. O. Clark, manager, salary	250 00	
Insurance :—		
Henry A. Monk, on building and machinery .	347 58	
Hartford Steam Boiler Co., on boilers . .	100 00	
Charles B. Cummings, employers' and public liability . . .	346 55	
		$9,319 38

REPAIRS OF LINES AND LAMPS.

Paid for labor, as per pay roll .	$1,506 23	
Baker Hardware Co., supplies	24 61	
Bibber & White, supplies .	86 69	
A. W. Baker, freight .	16 22	
General Electric Co., supplies	240 81	
Fore River Engine Co., labor and supplies . .	42 10	
Houghton Seaverns, supplies	42 45	
United Electric Improvement Co., supplies .	28 57	
Charles O. Miller, poles .	46 00	

Paid J. B. Rhines, poles and lumber	$32 69	
Pettingell - Andrews Co., supplies . . .	6 98	
Chandler & Farquhar, supplies	5 85	
American Electrical Wks., supplies . . .	2 25	
Wm. M. Jordan, expressing	7 65	
W. I. Jordan, iron work .	1 55	
Westinghouse Electric Mfg. Co., repairs . . .	8 71	
Crifeld Electrical Works, supplies . . .	2 80	
John J. Downes, supplies .	3 94	
Eagle Oil and Supply Co., supplies . . .	9 25	
C. D. Harlow, supplies .	2 09	
Joseph J. Bates, supplies .	2 05	
B. H. Woodsum Co., cement	5 40	
Geo. E. Fogg, carting poles	6 00	
E. H. Vinton, carting poles	2 50	
Thomas F. Finnegan, carting poles . . .	2 00	
New York and Boston Express Co. . . .	1 40	
		$2,136 79

Credit.

By inventory of material and supplies on hand . .	$417 66	

EXTENSION OF LINES.

Paid Bibber & White Co., wire and supplies . . .	$146 45	
Crefeld Electrical Works wire and supplies . .	184 08	
General Electric Co., wire and supplies . . .	170 64	
D. E. Dugan, poles . .	10 50	
L. A. Burrell, poles . .	59 50	
For labor, as per pay roll .	130 20	
A. W. Baker, freight .	6 99	
		$708 36

REPAIRS OF STEAM PLANT.

Paid Roberts Iron Works .	83 32
Fore River Engine, stock and labor . . .	62 77
A. W. Chesterton, supplies	55 66
Providence Steam Engine Co.	44 20
Chas. A. Sebeiren, repairing belts . . .	18 45
Crosby Steam Valve Co., supplies . . .	13 46
Chapman Valve Co . .	12 15
Andrew Lumsden, new piping and repairs . .	399 97
Eagle Oil Co., supplies .	64 33
F. O. Whitmarsh, mason .	83 40
Baker Hardware Co., supplies	5 74
A. W. Baker, freight .	22 01
Wm. M. Jordan, freight .	4 37

Paid W. I. Jordan, ironwork .	$0 50	
J. J. Downes, supplies, .	2 25	
J. B. Rhines & Co., lumber	9 00	
C. D. Harlow, supplies .	80	
T. R. Fitch, supplies .	1 80	
Joseph I. Bates, supplies .	2 71	
Edward Kendall & Sons, supplies . . .	1 65	
		$888 54

Credit.

By inventory of supplies on hand	79 83	

REPAIRS OF REAL ESTATE.

Paid labor	$127 35	
J. B. Rhines & Co., lumber	7 81	
Fall River Engine Co. .	75	
Baker Hardware Co.. .	16 06	
B. F. Torrey . . .	1 00	
Wm. M. Jordan, freight .	40	
A. W. Baker, freight .	45	
Eagle Oil and Supply Co., paint and supplies . .	17 96	
		$171 78

EXTENSION OF REAL ESTATE.

Paid Hayward Bros., stock and labor fitting up work shop	$45 11	

Paid Hayward Bros., building coal bin . . .	$30 94	
J. B. Rhines & Co., lumber	38 83	
John Gallivan, pipes and labor	29 05	
Albert Hobart, graveling roof of coal bin . .	14 00	
B. H. Woodsum Co., drain pipe	19 50	
Baker Hardware Co., supplies	6 14	
W. I. Jordan, iron work .	2 00	
		$185 57

REPAIRS OF ELECTRIC PLANT.

Paid labor	$58 50	
General Electric Co., supplies	138 33	
Fore River Engine Co. labor and supplies . .	56 31	
Bibber & White Co., supplies	14 82	
Eagle Oil Co, supplies . .	1 40	
Baker Hardware Co., supplies	1 39	
A. W. Baker, freight .	1 18	
		$271 93
Credit.		
By supplies on hand . .	$32 11	

EXTENSION OF ELECTRIC PLANT.

Paid labor	$34 50
General Electric Co., supplies and appliances .	49 00

Paid Westinghouse Electric M'f'g. Co., supplies and appliances . . .	$19 44	
American Tool & Machine Co.	14 00	
Fore River Engine, labor and stock . . .	12 18	
		$129 12

TOOLS AND APPLIANCES.

Paid Isaac Sexton, oil filter .	$12 00	
Fore River Engine Co., wrench, etc. . .	1 70	
W. P. Mercer, cash paid, ladder and wagon jack .	2 25	
Baker Hardware Co. .	26 96	
Chandler, Farquhar, tools .	5 22	
Eagle Oil & Supply Co., tools	10 95	
J. G. Worster . . .	1 25	
W. J. Jordan . . .	7 50	
		$67 83
Cr.		
By tools and appliances on hand	$254 90	

OFFICE FURNITURE AND EXPENSES.

Paid Henry L. Kincaid, furniture	$21 50	
C. S. Hannaford, furniture and supplies . . .	27 68	

Paid Weymouth & Braintree Pub. Co., printing . .	$27 65	
E. H. Tracey, books and stationery . . .	4 78	
Cash paid, invoice book .	1 00	
W. A. Torrey, stamps .	3 40	
C. H. Hobart, telephone .	1 04	
		$87 05
Cr.		
By inventory of fixtures and supplies. . . .	39 00	

OIL AND WASTE.

Paid Eagle Oil & Supply Co., oil and waste . .	$135 31	
Salem Waste Co., waste .	8 26	
M. H. Dinger Co., oil .	14 56	
O. Q. Ball, oil . . .	45	
A. W. Baker, expressing .	3 04	
F. R. Fitch, cheese cloth .	4 16	
		$165 78
Cr.		
By supplies on hand . . .	$36 90	

ARC LAMPS.

Paid General Electric Co., 6 lamps	$142 07	

DOMESTIC AND COMMERCIAL—INCANDESCENT LAMPS.

Paid General Electric Co. .	$269 68	
Bibber & White Co. .	41 60	
A. W. Baker, expressing .	1 94	
		$313 22
Cr.		
By lamps on hand . . .	$152 90	

STABLE ACCOUNT.

Paid Ambler & Hobart, hay and grain	$303 31	
John E. Hunt, rent of stable, three months . .	12 50	
Edward Shay, shoeing .	6 10	
Claus Ahlf, repairs . .	12 50	
Thomas South, Jr., shoeing and repairs . . .	99 78	
A. W. Baker, use of wagon	9 15	
E. Bourke, use of wagon .	1 00	
Walsh Bros., harnesses and repairs	81 05	
C. D. Harlow, horse medicine	5 80	
J. Wilkins, use o horse, 1897	49 50	
J. Wilkins, horse . .	65 00	
C. S. Hannaford, wagon .	35 00	
W. J. Jordan, repairs .	12 70	
		$693 39
Credit.		
By inventory of horses, wagons, harnesses, tools and supplies on hand . .	$382 89	

JOBBING SUPPLIES.

Paid Pettingill, Andrews Co. supplies . . .	$61 52	
Bibber & White, supplies .	53 76	
General Electric Co. .	112 30	
McKenney & Waterbury, fixtures and supplies .	49 99	
Baker Hardware Co., supplies	9 07	
Chandler & Farquhar .	40	
Electric Gas Lighting Co.,	5 26	
A. W. Baker, freight .	6 60	
W. M. Jordan, freight .	3 05	
E. Bourke, freight . .	90	
Arthur L. Hobart, labor and supplies . . .	9 00	
Fore River Engine Co. .	30	
Crosby Steam Gauge Co. .	50	
		$312 65
Cr.		
By material on hand . .	$65 31	
Transformers and installing .		$289 80

CARBONS.

Paid National Carbon Co., .	$150 00	
American Carbon Co., .	9 47	
A. W. Baker, expressing .	18 73	
		178 20
Cr.		
By carbons on hand . .	42 50	

METERS.

Paid Westinghouse Electric Mfg. Co., 34 meters . .	$372 55	

Paid A. W. Baker, expressing	$2 15	
Wm. M. Jordan, expressing	1 10	
		375 80

GLOBES AND FREIGHT.

Paid Union Glass Co., . .	$12 84	
		12 84

EXPENSE ACCOUNT.

Dr.

To operating expenses as per schedule . . .	$14,189 38	
interest paid on notes and bonds	1,540 00	
interest on cost of plant paid for in cash over and above notes and bonds, $30,687 at 4 per cent . . .	1,227 48	
depreciation on value of plant at 5 per cent. value, June 30, 1898, $51,550 .	2,577 50	
unpaid bills, Dec. 31, 1898	1,145 00	
amount due from consumers, Dec. 31, 1897 .	3,394 04	
amount of inventory Dec. 31, 1897 . . .	903 00	
		$24,976 40

Cr.

By cash paid Treasurer for light, meter rent, and jobbing	7,241 10	
outstanding bills Dec. 31, 1898	1,212 23	
inventory of material and supplies, Dec. 31, 1898 .	1,521 45	
balance due from consumers, Dec. 31, 1898 . .	3,561 97	
		$13,536 75
Charged to the cost of street lights . .		$11,439 75

Whole number of arc lights, 94.

Whole number of incandescent street lights, 112, equivalent to 32 arc lights, making 126 arc lights.

Cost of each arc light per year, $90 78.

Respectfully submitted,

A. O. CLARK, *Manager.*

The charges on Consumers's Register for D. and C. lighting, meter rent and jobbing for the year 1898, and the books, accounts, with all vouchers for the same, have been adjusted, and the balance due from consumers December 31, 1898 is ($3,561.97) thirty-five hundred, sixty-one and ninety-seven-hundredth dollars.

DANIEL POTTER, *Auditor.*

BRAINTREE, January 24, 1899.

SINKING FUND.

ELECTRIC LIGHT LOAN OF 1893.

P. D. HOLBROOK, TREASURER ELECTRIC LIGHT SINKING FUND.

Dr.

For the payment of bonds issued April 5, 1893, payable April 5, 1917.

December 31, 1897 :—

To amount of sinking fund	$1,858 43	
Town of Braintree, appropriation . . .	430 00	
To Braintree Savings Bank, interest on deposit .	19 18	
To Braintree water loan of 1891, interest on one bond	20 00	
		$2,327 61

Cr.

By one Braintree water loan of 1891 bond, No. 7, at 4 per cent.—bond $1,000, premium $95, accrued interest $3.33 . . .	$1,098 33	

By Balance in Braintree Savings Bank, book No. 2013	$329 97	
Balance in Weymouth Savings Bank, book No. 4435	$899 31	
		2,327 61

Sinking fund electric light loan of 1893, amounting to ($2,327.61) twenty-three hundred twenty-seven and sixty-one hundredth dollars, invested in Braintree water loan bond of 1891 and deposits in Braintree and Weymouth savings bank, as found on examination.

DANIEL POTTER, *Auditor.*

BRAINTREE, January 10, 1899.

REPORT

OF

THE TOWN CLERK

OF THE

TOWN OF BRAINTREE, MASS.

1898.

BRAINTREE, January 1, 1899.

In accordance with the usual custom the Town Clerk submits the following report :—

BIRTHS IN 1898.

DATE.	NAME.	PARENTS' NAMES.
Jan.		
3,	Charles Duite,	Frank and Lucy (Pannola)
5,	Nina Ethelyn Smith,	Thomas aud Emma (Pardy)
7,	Helen Victoria Frasier	Martin and Victoria (Carpenter)
16,	Stilborn,	
24,	Stephen Patrick Melley	Stephen and Nora (Welch)
31,	Leslie Daniel Berry,	George E. and Kate M. (Ray)
Feb.		
2,	Daniel Edward Donovan	Thomas F. and Rose A. (Duffee)
3,	Mary Hicks,	Henry and Rachael (Freeman)
10,	Hilda Winifred Cushing,	Jesse L. and Lizzie M. (Jones)
11,	Frederick Melichondi,	Martino and Marie (Speare)
13,	Marguerite Elizabeth Coose,	Edwin F. and Ida M. (Wolfe)
18,	William Henry Buker,	William H. and Minnie E. (Ross)
22,	Percy Byron Powers,	John and Mary Ann (McDermott)
22,	Edith Loring Sherman,	Willard H. and Lucy E. (Loring)
22,	Daniel Clement Dillon,	Daniel and Katherine (Gill)
22,	William Byron Heath,	William H. and Bertha M. (Hill)
22,	Gertrude Florence Hale,	Arthur and Annie (Richardson)
24,	——— Smith,	George and Olive (Brow)
25,	Caroline Reardon,	James and Elizabeth (McMurray)
26,	Edwin James Allen,	James D. and Sarah E. (Billard)
28,	Edna May Brou,	Thomas and Louisa (Pitts)

DATE.	NAME.	PARENTS' NAMES.
March.		
4,	Ethel Francis Mehan,	Patrick H. and Johanna (Walsh)
4,	Marion Dennehey,	John H. and Nellie M (Doyle)
4,	Madeline Dennehey,	John H. and Nellie M. (Doyle)
7,	Edward Thomas Mann,	Ellsworth and Mary T. (Berry)
11,	Mary Gertrude Murphy,	Thomas and Ellen (Morgan)
11,	William I. McDonald,	James E. and Mary (Mahar)
12,	Paul Faxon,	Cushing B. and Henrietta S. (Wardwell)
14,	Leo James Hennessey,	Patrick J. and Julia W. (Mahoney)
21,	Stillborn,	
23,	Stillborn,	
26,	Earl Tirrell Pennock,	Gilbert V. and Edith M. (Tirrell)
April.		
1,	Ruth Harriet Manter,	John S. and Susie W. (Snow)
3,	George Henry Murphy,	George and Ellen (Griffin)
4,	Margaret Reardon,	Timothy and Mary (Donahue)
14,	Edith Frances Gorman,	William E. and Mary (Mullin)
27,	Mildrith Ethel Hollis,	Joseph D. and Katie A. (King).
29,	——— Griffin,	Lester J. and Luly E. (Denethorn)
30,	Harold Dewey Fraser,	Jerry and Catherine E. (Frazier)
May.		
3,	Harold Wolfe Pedder,	James and Annie (Reycroft)
5,	Maud Lillian Harnish,	H. Isaiah and Sarah (Roy)
7,	Donaid Reviere Carmichael,	Fred R. and Sarah M. (Reviere)
9,	Charles H. Buker,	Edward G. and Annie M. (Whitehouse)
10,	Myron Elisha Gooch,	Athelstan E. and Cora E. (Moorhouse)
10,	Elmer Horace Winot,	James S. and Clara (Piercy)
16,	Peter Charles Rogers,	Simon and Mary (Pitts)
18,	Mabel Richmond Thayer,	Stephen E. and Eva L. (Hunt)
20,	Dorothy Isabel Jackson,	Charles H. and Jennie (Gerrior)
20,	George Dewey Dalton,	Thomas F. J. and Mary F. (Griffin)
21,	Stillborn,	

DATE.	NAME.	PARENTS' NAMES.
May.		
21,	Edna May Coffey,	John H. and Ellen J. (Preston)
30,	Olive Madeline Holbrook,	Charles E. and Margaret G. (McLaughlin)
31,	Clarence Fuller Bean,	John R. and Nellie F. (Fuller)
June.		
7,	Hessey Anna Huges,	Edward J. and Sarah (Fullerton)
8.	Clarence Dewey Trott,	Joseph and Mary E. (Piercy)
10,	Leo DeYoung,	Benjamin R. and Mary A. (Levangie)
12,	Herbert Leth,	Charles and Salma (———)
15,	Richard Francis Sweeney,	Richard F. and Charlotte E. (Bleakley)
16,	Frank Sansone,	John and Mary (Sock)
18,	Winfred Ruth Drinkwater,	John J. and Elizabeth A. (Donahue)
19,	Mary Ellen Gill,	James and Sarah (Dillon)
23,	Nathan Hale,	William A. and Addie J. (Hale)
23,	Lydia Elmer Klay,	Jacob and Annie M. (Weithrich)
25,	Lewis Edwin Goodnow,	Frederick E. and Mabel A. (Mann)
26,	Georga Gladys Bird,	George and Annie (Cudmore)
27,	John Conwell Davenport,	Henry W. and Hattie (Page)
28,	Selden James Lawe,	James H. and Lavinia (Taylor)
29,	Mildreth Irene Moir,	Willliam H. and Nettie A. (Trundy)
July.		
4,	Margaret Nowers,	Fred H. and Alice (Gifford)
12,	Florence Louise Mathews,	Charles W. and Carrie R. (Torrey)
14,	Alice Gertrude Hadley,	Edward J. and Isabel W. (Morton)
18,	Leon Stanley Frasier,	Jerry M. and Sophie (Frasier)
18,	Thelma Althea Sweetser Ham,	Herman A. and Mary E. (Sweetser)
18,	Hazel Louise DeLory,	Henry and Jennie (———)
25,	——— Sullivan,	Frank and May (———)
29,	Carroll Diute,	Angelo and Gesemena (Alard)
30,	Mary Louise Billings,	John A. and Mary L. (Conners)

DATE.	NAME.	PARENTS' NAMES.
August.		
7,	Bertie Frances Custance,	Frank and Kate (Burns)
8,	Mary F. Williams,	William H. and Martha A. (Blunt)
12,	Charles Linnell Moore,	Rodolph and Hattie E. (Harris)
12,	Annie Gertrude Kennedy,	Patrick and Ellen M. (Neagle)
17,	Lorenzo Patsey Graziosa,	Lorenzo and Lucia (Moccalti)
18,	——— Crathern,	Charles F. H. and Sarah G. (Tarbell)
20,	Annie Bertha St. Lawrence,	George A. and Elizabeth (O'Lea)
21,	Evelyn Pearl Raines,	Samuel and Martha (Burton)
28,	——— Buker,	Amos S. and Annie E. (Ross)
28,	——— Buker,	Amos S. and Annie E. (Ross)
31,	Levi Franklin Belmore,	Levi and Ellen J. (Hickey)
31,	Stillborn,	
Sept.		
6,	Agnes Marguerite O'Rourke,	John and Rosanna (Devereux)
6,	Wlliam Weston Merrill,	William W. and Johanna (Coffee)
10,	Marjorie Fisher,	Harry A. and Georgiana (Johnston)
15,	Helen Thorndike,	Alden A. and Grace (Hackett)
17,	Dorris Evelyn Gifford,	Harry C. and Grace E. (Call)
20,	John Joseph Gallivan,	John F. and B. Agnes (Quinn)
22,	Clarence Bennett,	David and Mary E. (Kinney)
27.	Leonard Joseph Thistle,	Joseph D. and Emily (Gouthro)
Oct.		
2,	Mildrith Dorothy Harnish,	Fitzgerald and Annie M. (Sullivan)
2,	Marie Alice Jackson,	Frank W. and Lavina (McKenna)
5,	Stephen Levangie,	Michael A. and Mary S. (Brow)
6,	Rufus Alonzo Smith,	Alfred A. and Ella F. (Billings)
9,	Lucy Hudson Abell,	Charles L. and Sarah A. (Kelley)
11,	Gladys Cecelia Murrin,	James and Cecelia (McVann)
12,	Harriet P. Sherman,	Clarence A. B. and Hattie N. (Baker)
13,	Helen Carmel Dignon,	Patrick J. and Kate (Ryan)

DATE.	NAME.	PARENTS' NAMES.
Oct.		
16,	Muriel Bloss Kelley,	Erskine H. and May (Waters)
18,	Helen Louise Prescott,	Eben and Helen W. (Arnold)
20,	Stillborn,	
22,	Charles Ernest Chapman,	William and Mary L. (Page)
26,	Violet Marguerite McLoud,	Malcome and Addie F. (Harris)
Nov.		
5,	Elizabeth Annie Reardon,	Dennis J. and Mary (Kelley)
11,	Elsie Russell Hathaway,	Joseph R. and Alice (Chick)
23,	——— McAloney,	Robert F. and Jessie (Ward)
28,	Charles Paul Reviere,	Charles M. and Alice C. G. (Moore)
28,	Elizabeth Gertrude McCausland,	William and Mary (Ryan)
Dec.		
1,	Harold Pace,	Charles and Mary (Long)
9,	Nelson Herrick Small,	Lewis F. and Hattie (Hinds)
20,	Mary Burke,	Michael and Mabel (O'Donnel)
28,	Nelson Edward McGibbon)	Edward J. and Alice E. (Hayden)
20,	——— Berg,	Elmer and Emma (Loeffler)
29,	Dorothy May Burnham,	George and Irene E. (Brown)
Oct.		
29,	Illegitimate.	

MARRIAGES IN 1898.

DATE.	NAME.	AGE.	RESIDENCE.
Jan.			
1,	Lleyllyn Thomas,	24	Weymouth.
	Mary O'Connell,	21	Braintree.
2,	Stephen E. Thayer,	21	Braintree.
	Eva L. Hunt,	19	Weymouth.
5,	William H. Morrill,	26	Braintree.
	Annie M. Burke,	24	Hingham.
6,	George O. Sanford,	26	Clinton.
	Edith Bowker Roby,	26	Brockton.
12,	Henry M. Ford,	29	Weymouth.
	Abbie F. McCue,	28	Braintree.
18,	Edward J. McGibbon,	22	Braintree.
	Alice E. Hayden,	18	Braintree.
30,	Dennis Riordan	29	Braintree.
	Mary Keely,	29	Melrose.
Feb.			
2,	Harry Garfield Dinsmore,	19	Braintree.
	Emma Marjorie Leach,	18	Weymouth.
4,	William Henry Blackburn,	20	Braintree,
	Nellie H. Henderson,	15	Braintree.
11,	George Murphy,	25	Braintree.
	Ellen Griffin,	22	Braintree.
21,	Henry Siders Blanchard,	21	Quincy.
	Lizzie Hollis Mann,	21	Braintree.
22,	William F. Stark,	41	Braintree.
	Mae L. Hardy,	34	Lynn.

DATE.	NAME.	AGE.	RESIDENBE.
March.			
31,	Harry S. Allen,	23	Braintree.
	Florence Lowell,	18	Weymouth.
April.			
20,	Charles Wilson,	66	Quincy.
	Sarah Erminie Whiting,	31	Braintree.
27,	George Horte,	24	Braintree.
	Addie Rachel Hilton,	21	Weymouth.
30,	John Gustafson,	32	Braintree.
	Anna Jeppson,	31	Braintree.
May.			
17,	Foster F. Tupper,	39	Braintree.
	Anna Mira Penniman,	25	Braintree.
June.			
15,	James E. Holbrook,	20	Braintree.
	Hattie E. White,	21	Braintree.
16,	George Benjamin Loring,	23	Braintree.
	Iva Gertrude Hyland,	19	Weymouth.
July.			
12,	William Gordan Ball,	31	Princess Bay, N. Y.
	Susan Ordway Lane,	37	Braintree.
20,	John Anderson,	23	Braintree.
	Lizzie Delory,	21	Braintree.
Aug.			
3,	William J. Healey,	21	Braintree.
	Lucy Moan,	19	Braintree.
8,	John E. Orr,	24	Braintree.
	Sarah Eleanor Thomas,	22	Braintree.
13,	James Towler,	43	Braintree.
	Margaret (McMahon) Coughlin.	30	Braintree,
Sept.			
3,	Nels A. F. Nelson,	35	Braintree.
	Marie E. Isacson,	25	Quincy.
6,	Benjamin C. Saulpaugh,	24	Braintree.
	Fannie R. Bishop,	25	Braintree.

DATE.	NAME.	AGE.	RESIDENCE.
Sept.			
28,	William J. Hogan,	23	Boston.
	Nellie Connell,	22	Braintree.
Oct.			
6,	Thomas J. Smith,	29	Braintree.
	Anna Almira Pardy,	24	Rockland.
11,	Clarence R. Bestick,	23	Braintree.
	Annie G. Reviere,	19	Braintree.
19,	Alfred J. Ellsworth,	30	Braintree.
	Gertude Sherman,	25	Wollaston.
23,	William Grant Perkins,	33	Middleboro.
	Ella B. (Haskins) Wentworth,	44	Middleboro.
25,	Thys Yutema,	25	Braintree.
	Tjitsche DeBoer	25	Braintree.
26,	Robert M. Wood,	42	Braintree.
	Catherine Smith,	27	Braintree.
29,	Samuel M. Babbitt,	27	Braintree.
	Bessie E. Preist,	18	Braintree.
31,	John R. McGrady,	27	Middleboro.
	Mary A. Peat,	23	Braintree.
Nov.			
1,	Robert E. Whitman,	25	Braintree.
	Mellie M. Kyte,	28	Braintree.
7,	Benjamin O. Hatch,	21	Boston.
	Ella May Dimmock,	18	Braintree.
15,	Harry Sands Burgess,	24	Braintree.
	Hattie Howard Ellis,	27	Braintree.
19,	Herbert L. Perry,	23	Braintree.
	Lottie Dorrion,	22	Braintree.
24,	Noah Francis Stowell,	26	Weymouth.
	Mabel Crosby Dyer,	25	Braintree.
Dec.			
17,	Frederick O'Connor,	25	Braintree.
	Helen Levangie,	23	Braintree.
21,	Willis Howard Butler,	25	N. Y. City.
	Mary Helen Wales	24	Braintree.

Whole number of marriages, 42.

Birthplace of Males—Braintree, 5; Weymouth, 5; Quincy, 1; other places in Massachusetts, 15; British Provinces, 4; Ireland, 3; New Hampshire, 2; Sweden, 2; Scotland, England, Holland, Pennsylvania and Maine, 1 each.

Females—Braintree, 8; Weymouth, 6; Quincy, 1; other places in Massachusetts, 9; British provinces, 5; Ireland, 3; Maine, 2; New Jersey, New York, Minnesota, England, Holland, Norway and Sweden, 1 each.

Residence of males—Braintree, 30; Weymouth, 2; Quincy, 2; other places in Massachusetts, 6; New York, 2.

Females—Braintree, 29; Quincy, 2; Weymouth, 5; other places in Massachusetts, 6.

Marriages solemnized in Braintree, 21; Weymouth, 7; Quincy, 3; Boston, 5; Hingham, Melrose, Lynn, Cambridge, Chelsea and Whitman one each.

DEATHS IN 1898.

DATE.	NAME.	BIRTHPLACE.	AGE. Y.	M.	D.
Jan.					
5,	Cynthia (Reynolds) Smith,	Benton, Me.,	82	4	4
10,	Albert Titcomb,	Newburyport,	95	6	15
11,	Ruth Kibble,	Nova Scotia,	89	—	—
13,	Rachael (French) Morse,	Braintree,	83	—	15
16,	—— Reardon,	————,	—	—	—
20,	Joseph Dunkerly,	England,	61	—	9
25,	Stephen Gardner Leavitt,	Scituate,	73	6	17
26,	Onslow Q. Ball,	Manchester, N.H.,	39	—	—
28,	Wilbur F. Nott,	N. Scituate,	33	9	6
28,	Caroline C. (Sanderson) Thayer,	Groton,	64	7	16
Feb.					
16,	Helen J. (Jones) Hewes,	Yarmouth, Me.,	49	11	11
18,	Rebecca H. (Cobb) Thayer,	Roxbury,	63	9	18
23,	Julian Cuthbert Packard,	Braintree,	—	8	4
27,	—— Smith,	Braintree,	—	—	2
March.					
10,	Mary A Nightingale,	Quincy,	89	—	—
13,	Mary (Eagan) Brioda,	Ireland,	71	—	—
13,	Philander A. Crosby,	Orleans,	40	11	28
21,	—— Howland,	————,	—	—	—
23,	—— Holbrook,	————,	—	—	—
26,	Susan E. (Clift) Collins,	Whitman,	34	10	28
27,	Warren Mason Warburton,	Braintree,	—	4	3
31,	George Downey,	St. John, N. B.,	44	—	—

DATE.	NAME.	BIRTHPLACE.	AGE. Y.	M.	D.
April.					
2,	John B. Sears,	St. Johnbury, Vt.,	24	—	—
6,	Susanna (Curtis) Stetson,	Quincy,	89	5	2
6,	Emma M. Kane,	Rockland,	25	10	1
9,	Elisha Alden Belcher,	No. Bridgewater,	62	8	21
12,	Harry B. Foster,	Boston,	23	11	—
12,	Edward S. Stetson,	Randolph,	23	—	—
23,	Charles S. Clapp,	Dorchester,	66	8	11
23,	Martha W. (Gushee) Hobart,	Raynham,	80	—	16
May.					
11,	Elmer H. Wynot,	Braintree,	—	—	1
13,	Atherton T. Wilde,	Braintree,	85	6	17
13,	Charles E. Packard,	Gardner, Me.,	39	8	3
14,	Susan T. (Loud) Dowse,	Weymouth,	64	10	27
22,	Joseph L. Folsom,	Nantucket,	63	1	22
26,	Nansie W. (Robbins) Beal,	Plymouth,	65	9	—
June.					
1,	Arthur Gilman Wilde,	Holbrook,	20	10	10
1,	Robert Waymouth,	Boston,	79	8	14
9,	Robert M. Loring,	Weymouth,	48	7	13
10,	Earle W. Wade,	S. Thomaston, Me.	23	—	—
12,	Cornelius Maguire,	Ireland,	68	—	—
20,	John V. Scollard,	Braintree,	37	—	—
27,	Arthur W. O'Connor,	Quincy,	29	6	—
July.					
12,	Thomas W. Sampson,	Middleboro,	58	4	5
18,	Thomas G. Dana,	Roxbury,	34	9	21
18,	Mary L. (Derby) Reed,	Weymouth,	65	5	19
22,	Sarah Brewster Tupper,	Kingston,	71	4	—
14,	Ann G. (Gaffey) Cahill,	Ireland,	80	—	—
26,	John Edward Pitts,	Braintree,	8	11	8
Aug.					
4,	Ida May Greenough,	Braintree,	—	4	22
8,	Frank Benjamin Klaus,	Braintree,	—	9	29
13,	Flora E. (Bradley) Chick,	Lynn,	44	1	21
17,	Peter Smith,	Denmark,	56	9	10
23,	Ralph Austin Torrey,	Braintree,	1	3	16

DATE.	NAME.	BIRTHPLACE.	AGE. Y.	M.	D.
Aug.					
25,	George A. Newcomb,	Braintree,	—	8	19
27,	Edward B. Hayden,	Franklin,	66	—	4
31,	——— Drysdale	———	—	—	—
Sept.					
2,	Sven Spencer Heustin,	Reading,	—	10	15
3,	Harold D. Frazier,	Braintree,	—	4	3
4,	——— Buker,	Braintree,	—	—	7
6,	John Maloney,	Ireland,	68	—	—
7,	——— Buker,	Braintree,	—	—	11
9,	Wallace W. Dana,	Braintree,	20	6	7
10,	Isaac Herbert Clark,	Newcastle, Eng.,	46	—	—
24,	Helen V. Frazer,	Braintree,	—	8	15
29,	Lavinia A. (Dyer) Bradford	Braintree,	69	5	3
Oct.					
1,	Henry Chester French,	Braintree,	28	5	—
6,	George F. Durgin,	Quincy,	43	9	14
10,	Eliza A. Steele,	Gloucester,	55	8	14
12,	Elizabeth E. (Searles) Bradley,	Lynn,	67	3	—
20,	——— Arnold,	———	—	—	—
22,	Harold E. Dyer,	Braintree,	5	—	15
23,	David Brainard Thayer,	Braintree,	62	11	14
25,	Ibrahim Morrison,	Braintree,	50	—	5
Nov.					
4,	Mary J. Spring,	Harmony, Me.,	61	8	11
16,	Anna A. L. Richards,	Braintree,	82	1	26
23,	Hannah E. Ames,	Jefferson, Me.,	79	2	20
30,	Margaret Shaw,	Scotland,	73	11	24
Dec.					
7,	William H. French,	Braintree,	45	—	—
17,	Elizabeth A. Teakles,	Cambridge,	29	7	—
19,	Peter D. Holbrook,	Randolph,	73	8	16
28,	Henry S. Harnish,	Braintree,	9	6	15
29,	Elizabeth Hollis,	Salem,	75	2	15
30,	Maria L. Ross,	Quincy,	49	11	5
30,	Hannah A. Buker,	Braintree,	1	3	—

Whole number of deaths in 1898, 85; males, 49; females, 36; single, 35; married, 31; widowed, 19.

Birthplace—Braintree, 31; other places in Massachusetts, 36; Ireland, 4; Maine, 6; British Provinces, 2; England, 2; New Hampshire, Vermont, Scotland and Denmark, 1 each.

Ages—Under one year, 17; between one and ten, 5; ten and twenty, 0; twenty and thirty, 10; thirty and forty, 6; forty and fifty, 9; fifty and sixty, 4; sixty and seventy, 16; seventy and eighty, 9; eighty and ninety, 8; over 90, 1.

Birthplace—Fathers: Braintree, 15; other places in Massachusetts, 29; Ireland, 7; Maine, 8; New Hampshire, 3; Vermont, 2; England, 2; British Provinces, 8; Rhode Island, Scotland, Sweden, Bohemia, Denmark, 1 each; not known, 6.

Mothers: Braintree, 8; other places in Massachusetts, 37; British Provinces, 10; Ireland, 7; Maine, 10; England 2; Sweden, Scotland, New Hampshire, 1 each; not known, 8.

Diseases—Pneumonia, 15; heart disease, 7; still born, 6; apoplexy, 6; cholera infantum, 5; consumption, 4; cancer, accident, Bright's disease, meningitis, typhoid fever, 3 each; old age, dropsy, bronchitis, hemorrhage, septicemia, inanition and uræmia, 2 each; cyanosis, neuritis, mumps, influenza, carditis, convulsions, peritonitis, paralysis, malaria, calconoma of intestines, diphtheria, diabetes and harmoptyse, 1 each.

TOWN RECORDS.

WARRANT FOR TOWN MEETING.

NORFOLK, SS. *To Either of the Constables of the Town of Braintree.* GREETING:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of the town of Braintree qualified to vote in town affairs to meet at the Town Hall, in said Braintree, on Monday, the seventh day of March, 1898, at seven o'clock in the forenoon, to act on the following articles, namely:

ARTICLE 1. To choose a Moderator to preside at said meeting.

ART. 2. To hear the report of the several town officers and act thereon.

ART. 3. To determine the manner of repairing the highways and bridges the ensuing year.

ART. 4. To choose all necessary town officers for the ensuing year. Also to vote on the following question, "Yes" or "No," as required by Chapter 54 of the Acts of 1881, namely: Shall licenses be granted in this town for the sale of intoxicating liquors? Under this act the polls will be kept open until one o'clock P. M.

ART. 5. To see if the town will authorize the Treasurer, with the approval of the Board of Selectmen, to borrow money in anticipation of taxes.

Art. 6. To raise and appropriate such sums of money as may be necessary to defray the expenses of the town for the ensuing year.

Art. 7. To see if the town will accept the jury list as prepared by the Selectmen.

Art. 8. To see if the town will vote to charge interest on all unpaid taxes after a certain date.

Art. 9. To see if the town will vote an appropriation to assist Post 87, G. A. R., in defraying the expenses of memorial services on Memorial Day.

Art. 10. To see what compensation the town will vote to pay the members of the Fire Department the ensuing year.

Art. 11. To appropriate a sum of money for hydrant service.

Art. 12. To appropriate a sum of money for the Water Loan Sinking Fund.

Art. 13. To appropriate a sum of money for the Electric Light Sinking Fund.

Art. 14. To appropriate a sum of money to convey pupils to and from the Public Schools.

Art. 15. To see if the town will vote to continue the night police and appropriate money for the same.

Art. 16. To make necessary appropriations for operating the Electric Lighting System.

Art. 17. To see if the town will vote to quitclaim to Sarah M. Mansfield the lot of land, with buildings thereon, situated on the corner of Taylor (formerly Winter) and Central streets, in that part of the town known as South Braintree, and being the same premises named in a deed of Solon David to Sarah M. Mansfield, dated July 5, 1893, and recorded with Norfolk Deeds, book 696, page 324.

Art. 18. To see if the town will vote to quitclaim to Henry W. Mansfield the lot of land with buildings thereon, situated on Central street, in that part of the town known as South Braintree, and being the same premises named in a deed of Solon David to Henry W. Mansfield, dated May 31, 1890, and recorded with Norfolk Deeds, book 638, page 330.

Art. 19. To see if the town will vote to accept the provisions of chapter 374, of the Acts of the Legislature of 1895, entitled "An Act to authorize towns to place the administration of their highways under a single highway surveyor."

Art. 20. To see if the town will vote to accept the provisions of chapter 186, of the Acts of the Legislature of 1895, entitled "An Act relative to the watering of streets in towns."

Art. 21. To see if the town will vote to build a sidewalk on Franklin street, west of the residence of the late Calvin Thayer, and appropriate money for the same.

Art. 22. To see if the town will vote to have a survey and plans made of the improved lands within the town, to better enable the assessors to perform their duties.

Art. 23. To see if the town will appoint a committee to consider and report on the question of a new school building.

Art. 24. To hear the report of the committee appointed at the last annual town meeting to report as to the rights of the town in reference to the A. S. Morrison lighting plant.

Art. 25. To see if the town will vote to extend the street lighting system on Hayward street; also on Pond street.

Art. 26. To see if the town will accept the laying out, as town ways, Lowell street (so-called) and that portion of Park street running east from the aforesaid Lowell street to Cedar street, as laid out by the selectmen, and appropriate a sum of money to build the same.

Art. 27. To see if the town will vote to build a concrete sidewalk on Washington street and Hall avenue, partly on land of Mr. E. C. Hall, in accordance with the provisions of a vote passed at the annual meeting, March, 1897, and appropriate a sum of money for the same.

Art. 28. To see if the town will vote to extend the electric lighting system, to establish an arc light at the corner of Fountain and Boscobel streets, and appropriate a sum of money for the same.

Art. 29. To see if the town will vote an appropriation to rebuild the target used by Company K, Fifth Regiment; also to aid said company in providing such furnishings as may be needed to equip the company in a comfortable manner.

Art. 30. To see if the town will place the Lighting Plant in the charge of a Municipal Lighting Board and accept the statutes in relation to the same.

Art. 31. To see if the town will vote to divide the town into voting precincts and accept the statutes relating to the same.

Art. 32. To see if the town will vote to authorize the Water Commissioners to make extensions of the water mains and appropriate the sum of $2,000 to defray the expenses of the same.

Art. 33. To see if the town will vote to gravel the driveway in front of the Jonas Perkins School and appropriate the sum of $150 for the same.

Art. 34. To see if the town will vote to construct a safe and suitable fence on Commercial street over the Arch Bridge and appropriate money to defray the expense of the same.

Art. 35. To see if the town will vote an appropriation to enlarge the culvert under Elm Street, near the factory of A. C. Drinkwater.

Art. 36. To see if the town desires to instruct the Selectmen in relation to the two franchises petitioned for by the Braintree and Weymouth Street Railway Company.

Art. 37. To see if the town desires to instruct the Selectmen in relation to the petition of the Braintree and Randolph Street Railway Company to extend its tracks in Pearl street.

Art. 38. To see if the town will vote to build a drain in Washington street to take the surface water flowing in front of the residence of the late Elisha Morse.

Art. 39. To see if the town will choose a Board of Assessors other than the Selectmen.

Art. 40. To see if the town will choose a Board of Road Commissioners and accept the statutes relating to the same.

Art. 41. To see if the town will vote to purchase uniforms for the night police and appropriate money for the same.

Art. 42. To choose any committee or hear the report of any committee and act thereon.

Art. 43. To see if the town will vote to make some provision for drainage in Franklin street and appropriate a sum of money for the same.

Art. 44. To see if the town will appropriate a sum of money to rebuild the Fire Alarm; also a sum of money to purchase new hose for the Fire Department.

You are to give notice of this meeting by posting up true and attested copies of this warrant in not less than nine public places in this town seven days at least before the time of said meeting, and by publishing once in the Braintree Reporter.

Hereof fail not and make return of this warrant with your

doings thereon to the Town Clerk before the time of said meeting.

Given under our hands at Braintree this twenty-third day of February in the year of our Lord, one thousand, eight hundred and ninety eight.

ANSEL O. CLARK,
WILLIAM W. MAYHEW,
J. PARKER HAYWARD.
Selectmen of Braintree.

BRAINTREE, March 5, 1898.

NORFOLK, ss.

Pursuant to the within I have notified the inhabitants of the town of Braintree herein described to meet at the time and place and for the purposes within mentioned by posting up attested copies of this warrant at more than nine public places in said town of Braintree, seven days before the time set for said meeting and I have caused the said warrant to be published once in the Braintree Reporter before the time set for said meeting.

HORACE FAXON,
Constable of Braintree.

A true copy—Attest.

H. A. MONK,
Town Clerk.

BRAINTREE, March 7, 1898.

In accordance with the foregoing warrant the meeting was called to order at 7 o'clock A. M., and the warrant read by the Town Clerk.

Mr. A. F. Hollis was appointed to check the list for Moderator and was sworn.

E. E. Abercrombie, John Kelley and B. T. Dyer were appointed Tellers to assort and count the votes for Moderator and were sworn.

Article 1. Upon ballot, Mr. F. A. Hobart was elected Moderator and was sworn by the Town Clerk.

Articles 2 and 3 were laid on the table.

Article 4 taken up. Voted, On motion of Judge French, that the town proceed to ballot for a Town Clerk, Town Treasurer, three Selectmen (who shall also be Overseers of the Poor), one Water Commissioner for three years (who shall also be Sinknig Fund Commissioner), four members of the School Committee (two for three years, one for two years and one for one year), three Auditors, three Fence Viewers, six Trustees of School Fund, and 16 Constables, all on one ballot.

The Moderator appointed Mr. A. F. Hollis to check the list for the day. Mr. Hollis was sworn by the Town Clerk.

Voted, On motion of Mr. Crooker, that five (5) tellers be appointed to assort and count the votes.

F. W. Crooker, Edwin F. Porter, William Orr, C. A. Belcher and S. F. Pratt were appointed and sworn.

Daniel Potter was appointed to take charge of the ballot box and was sworn.

Voted, On motion of Mr. Abercrombie, that a committee of thirteen, none of whom shall be connected with any department of the town requiring appropriations, be appointed by the Chair as a committee on appropriations, to whom shall be referred all articles in the warrant involving matters of appropriations; said committee to report their recommendations at an adjournment of this meeting.

Voted, That after the election of the various town officers and the appointment of such committees as may be ordered,

that the Moderator declare this meeting adjourned to Monday, March 21, at 9 o'clock A. M.

The Moderator appointed as Committee on Appropriations E. E. Abercrombie, G. D. Willis, A. E. Avery, John Cavanagh, Benjamin F. Dyer, Daniel Potter, John Kelley, A. S. Morrison, C. C. Mellen, N. F. Hunt, Leander B. Hollis, B. H. Woodsum and George H. Arnold.

Voted, On motion of Judge French, that a committee of five (5) be appointed by the Chair to look into the consolidation of town offices, and report at an adjournment of this meeting.

Asa French, George D. Willis, A. C. Drinkwater, N. F. Hunt and E. E. Abercrombie were appointed as that committee.

At 1 o'clock P. M. the polls were declared closed.

Voted, To elect five surveyors of wood and weighers of hay, and J. Marcus Arnold, Peter B. Lawson, Martin L. Tupper, William Allen and Edward M. Wight were elected. Martin L. Tupper declined to serve; the others were sworn.

Voted, To elect three surveyors of lumber, and Martin L. Tupper, Henry Gardner and George H. Holbrook were elected and sworn.

Voted, That the Selectmen appoint one measurer of leather, one pound-keeper and three field drivers.

The tellers reported the result of the ballot as follows:

Whole number of ballots cast, 524.

For Town Clerk—Henry A. Monk had 524, and was declared elected and was sworn.

For Town Treasurer—Daniel Potter had 1, Peter D. Holbrook 523. Peter D. Holbrook was declared elected and was sworn.

For Selectmen and Overseers of the Poor—Ansel O. Clark had 414, William W. Mayhew 512, J. Parker Hayward 511, Thomas R. Fitch 109, C. H. Clapp 1, blanks 15; and Ansel O. Clark, William W. Mayhew and J. Parker Hayward were declared elected and sworn.

For Water Commissioner and Sinking Fund Commissioner—T. Haven Dearing had 517, W. R. Page 1, blanks 6; and T. Haven Dearing was declared elected and accepted.

For School Committee—Mrs. Ann M. Brooks (for three years) had 523, blank 1, Albion C. Drinkwater (for three years) 518, blanks 6, C. F. Hill Crathern (for two years) 508,blanks 16, William C. Harding (for one year) 524, T. R. Fitch 1. Mrs. Ann M. Brooks, Albion C. Drinkwater, C. F. Hill Crathern and William C. Harding were declared elected and sworn.

For Auditors—Daniel Potter had 523, L. Willard Morrison 521, Charles G. Sheppard 522, M. F. Drinkwater 1. Daniel Potter, L. Willard Morrison and Charles G. Sheppard were declared elected and sworn.

For Fence Viewers—Francis W. Crooker had 523, Henry Gardner 519, W. A. Kane 522, John Downs 1, H. A. Thayer 1. Francis W. Crooker, Henry Gardner and W. A. Kane were declared elected and sworn.

For Trustees of School Fund—George D. Willis had 521, F. A. Hobart 519. Alva S. Morrison 524, George H. Arnold 523, William W. Mayhew 523, Peter D. Holbrook 523, and they were declared elected.

For Constables—Horace Faxon had 519, Christopher T. Bailey 523, Joseph W. Stetson 522, Thomas Downey 514, David C. Hazeltine 518, James R. Qualey 510, James Rourke 515, Conrad Mischler 520, John Gallivan 517, John Kelley 507, Benjamin J. Loring 523, Henry Dugan, Jr., 514,

J. Murray Knight 520, Edward M. Wright 524, Horace F. Hunt 521; all elected and sworn. Frank S. Littlefield had 522 but declined to serve.

Shall licenses be granted for the sale of intoxicating liquors in this town? Whole number of votes, 381. Yes, 88; No, 293.

Meeting declared adjourned to March 21, at 9 o'clock, A. M.

A true record.

Attest: H. A. MONK,
Town Clerk.

BRAINTREE, March 21, 1898.

The town met in accordance with adjournment from March 7, Moderator F. A. Hobart in the chair.

ARTICLE 2. First in order, Voted, To lay on the table.

Voted, On motion of Mr. Scollard, that Articles 3, 19, 20 and 40 be taken up for consideration, and under Article 3, that so much of said report as relates to the highways be considered, and also under Article 6 to Act upon the recommendation of the committee on appropriations so far as it relates to highways.

Motion was made by Mr. Scollard that the highways and bridges be repaired for the ensuing year under the direction of the Selectmen, who shall be surveyors of highways, and who shall appoint a competent person to be superintendent of streets.

Voted, On motion of Mr. Kelley, that that part of the motion relating to superintendent of streets be stricken out.

Voted, On a substitute motion, as made by Mr. Kelley, and amended by Mr. Abercrombie, that we proceed to the

election by ballot of a board of three highway surveyers, and that the polls be closed at eleven o'clock.

Mr. A. O. Clark was appointed to check the list and sworn. Daniel Potter, John W. West and J. V. Scollard were appointed to assort and count the votes for surveyors and were sworn.

Voted, To extend the time for closing the polls for five minutes.

Tellers reported that 245 ballots had been cast, and that A. O. Clark, William W. Mayhew and J. Parker Hayward had received a majority of that number and they were declared elected and sworn.

Voted, On motion of Judge French, that the subject under consideration be laid on the table and Article 2 taken up.

Art. 2. Report of the several town officers presented.

Voted, To receive the report and lay the same on the table for further action.

Art. 19. Indefinitely postponed.

Art. 40. Indefinitely postponed.

Art. 20. Indefinitely postponed.

Mr. Scolland gave notice of his intention to move a reconsideration of the vote passed relating to superintendent of of streets.

Voted, That the Moderator be authorized to declare a recess of one hour at 12 o'clock.

Art. 6. Voted, On motion of Mr. Scollard, that we proceed to consider the matter of appropriation for highways, and that the appropriation committee be requested to report so much of their recommendations as relates to highways.

Voted, On motion of Mr. Abercrombie, that the following sums be appropriated :—

For general repairs of highways and bridges, three thousand dollars ($3,000).

For Stone Road, thirty-five hundred dollars ($3,500).

For removal of snow, fifteen hundred dollars ($1,500).

For sidewalks, one thousand dollars ($1,000).

Mr. Powers moved that laborers on the highway be paid at the rate of two ($2) dollars per day, and that nine (9) hours constitute a day's work, which motion was rejected.

Mr. Powers gave notice that he should move a reconsideration.

Moderator declared a recess until 1 o'clock P. M.

Meeting called to order at 1.15 o'clock P. M.

Mr. Abercrombie gave notice that he should move a reconsideration of the vote passed under Article 20 of the warrant relating to watering streets.

Art. 5. Voted, on motion of Mr. Scollard, that for the purpose of procuring a temporary loan to and for the use of the town of Braintree in anticipation of the taxes of the present municipal year, the Town Treasurer is hereby authorized and directed to borrow from time to time with the approval of the Board of Selectmen a sum or sums in the aggregate amounting to sixty thousand dollars ($60,000), and to execute and deliver the note or notes of the town therefor payable within one year from the time the loan is made, with interest thereon at the lowest rate that can be procured at the time the loan is made. Any debt or debts incurred by a loan or loans to the town under this vote shall be paid from the taxes of the present municipal year.

Voted, To take up Article 8.

Voted, On motion of Mr. Abercrombie, that the town

charge interest on all taxes remaining unpaid after December 1st. 1898, at the rate of six per cent. per annum.

Art. 9. Voted, to appropriate the sum of one hundred and seventy-five dollars ($175) to assist Post 87, G. A. R., in defraying the expenses of "Memorial Day."

Art. 11. Voted, To appropriate for Hydrant Service $4,150.00.

Art. 12. Voted, To appropriate for Water Loan Sinking Fund, $5120.00.

Art. 13. Voted, To appropriate for Electric Light Sinking Fund $430, to be taken from revenues derived from domestic and commercial lighting.

Art. 14. Voted, To appropriate the sum of $725.00, for the conveyance of pupils to and from the Public Schools.

Art. 7. Voted, On motion of Judge French, that this matter be laid on the table.

Art. 21. Voted, To refer the matter to the Highway Surveyors.

Art. 22. The committee on appropriations recommended that no action be taken this year.

Voted, On motion of Mr. Kelley that the town authorize the assessors or selectmen to have a survey and plans made of the improved lands and that the sum of $1,000 be appropriated for that purpose.

Art. 6. (Taken up), Voted, On motion of Mr. Scollard that we proceed to consider that part of the Appropriation Committee's report relating to schools. The committee recommended that the sum of $13,600.00 be appropriated in addition to the dog tax and school fund for the pay of teachers; this amount to include $1,200.00 for the pay of a high school teacher. Mr. Scollard moved to amend the report of the committee by substituting the sum of $14,145.00.

Voted, On motion of Mr. Scollard, that at 5 o'clock the moderator be instructed to adjourn this meeting to Wednesday, March 30, at 7.45 o'clock P. M.

Voted, on motion of Mr. A. S. Morrison that at the next meeting no person be allowed to speak more than three times on the same question.

Adjourned to March 30, at 7.45 P. M.

A true record—Attest:

H. A. MONK,

Town Clerk.

BRAINTREE, March 30, 1898.

The town met in accordance with adjournment from March 21. Moderator F. A. Hobart in the chair.

Voted, The meeting take a recess subject to the call of the moderator.

The meeting was again called to order at 9.20 o'clock.

Voted, On motion of Mr. Willis that this meeting and every adjournment of the same which is held in the evening shall be adjourned at 10.30 o'clock, P. M.

Voted, To adopt the amendment of Mr. Scollard to the recommendation of the appropriation committee; namely, that the sum of fourteen thousand one hundred and forty-five dollars $(14,145) be appropriated for the pay of teachers, in addition to the dog tax and school fund, the same to include twelve hundred dollars ($1,200) for salary of high school teacher.

Voted, To adjourn to Monday evening, April 4, at 7.45 o'clock, P. M.

A true record.

Attest: H. A. MONK,

Town Clerk.

BRAINTREE, April 4, 1898.

The town met in accordance with the adjournment from March 30th. Moderator in the chair.

Voted, On motion of Mr. Willis, that the janitor be instructed to open the gallery for the accomodation of young people and ladies at this and all future meetings.

Voted, That speakers be limited to ten minutes time on any one question.

ART. 6. The following appropriations were voted: For Superintendent, whose whole time shall be devoted to the superintendence of the schools, the sum of $1,400; for janitors, including cleaning and care of buildings during summer vacation, $1,800 (the janitors of the Jonas Perkins and the Monatiquot schools each to receive $600 of said sum); for text books and supplies, $1,600; for incidentals for schools, $400; for incidentals for school houses, $1,000; for fuel, $1,200.

Article 6 laid on the table.

ART. 23 (taken up). Voted, On motion of Mr. Watson, that a committee of seven be appointed to take into consideration the subject matter of this article and report at some future meeting. Moderator appointed Thomas A. Watson, George H. Arnold, T. H. Dearing, James T. Stevens, Asa French, John Kelley, Aubrey Hilliard, as that committee. Mr. French declined, and F. Eugene Dyer was appointed to fill vacancy.

Voted, On motion of Mr. Scollard, to take up Article 3.

Motion made by Mr. Scollard that the Selectmen, as Highway Surveyors, be requested to employ some suitable person to supervise the work on the highways.

Voted, On motion of Mr. Kelley, to lay on the table.

ART. 10 (taken up). Voted, For the pay of members,

engineers and stewards of the fire department: Members, $945; stewards, $170; engineers, $110. Total amount, $1,225.

Art. 6 (taken up). For general expenses of fire department, $800; repairs of engine houses, $100.

Art. 44. For new hose, $325; repairs on apparatus, $100. For change in battery or rebuilding fire alarm, also for harnesses, the committee recommended no action be taken by the town this year.

Voted, to accept the recommendation of the committee.

Art. 7 (taken up). Voted, On motion of Mr. Scollard, that the jury list, as presented by the Selectmen, be accepted with the exception of the following names: E. C. Hall, Edward Shay, E. A. Hale, H. A. Monk, John H. Coffee, H. F. Arnold, C. M. Lothrop.

Jury list as amended: Franklin E. Arnold, Richard L. Arnold, J. Sargent Arnold, Andrew J. Bates, J. Franklin Bates, Charles S. Bates, Frank Albert Bates, Charles A. Belcher, Stafford S. Bridgham, James Connell, William H. Cuff, Charles B. Cummings, Cyrus F. Cushing, Charles W. Clapp, William H. Currier, Willard E. Dow, Azel R. French, George G. French, George F. Fuller, Jeremiah F. Gallivan, Francis A. Gardner, Arthur L. Hobart, Edward W. Hobart, Adam W. Hobart, William A. Hollis, Jonathan P. Hayward, William H. Harrison, Nathaniel F. Hunt, Walter H. Howland, Thomas P. Harrison, Bradford Y. Knight, Hiram H. Kelley, James D. Leatherbee, Henry W. Mansfield, Will W. Mayhew, Frank H. Morgan, Ibrahim Morrison, William W. Mayhew, Augustus McRae, James McNab, Jr., George W. Osgood, Frederick G. Pennock, Edward O. Pierson, Elbridge F. Porter, Nehemiah R. Proctor, John F. Randall, Charles G. Richards, Richard M. Sanborn, Will H. Shaw, Charles G. Sheppard,, Philip H. Sullivan, Edward G. Stoddard, Robert R. Stocker, John H. Sutton, Martin V. B.

Shaw, George W. Stevens, Henry R. Smith, David H. B. Thayer, Caleb Thompson, Foster F. Tupper, Henry G. Tuttle, Jonathan F. White, Whitfield Witherell, Charles G. Whitcomb, Rufus H. Woodsum, George H. Wetherbee, Thomas A. Watson.

Art. 3. Voted on motion of Mr. Powers to reconsider the vote passed March 21 relating to pay of laborers on the the highways.

Voted, That laborers on the highways be paid at the rate of two dollars per day and that nine hours constitute a day's work.

Art. 34. Voted on motion of Mr. Scollard that the Selectmen be instructed to investigate and estimate the cost of a suitable fence on Commercial street and report at some future meeting.

Art. 6. Voted the following appropriations:

For sundry notes—	
Jonas Perkins school house . . .	$3,100 00
Monatiquot school house . . .	3,300 00
Electric light	2,000 00
Interest on town debt	5,000 00
Support of poor	4,000 00
Soldiers' Relief Acts of 1890	400 00
Soldiers' Aid, Chapter 279, P. S. . .	100 00
Town Hall	150 00
Town Lands	100 00
Insurance	700 00
Incidental expenses	2,500 00
Abatement and collection of taxes . .	1,500 00
Court fees and expenses	100 00
Thayer Public Library	1,000 00

The following resolution offered by Mr. J. W. West was adopted: —

Resolved, That it is the sense of this meeting that the Public Library be kept open during the month of August the same as during other months of the year.

For Distribution of Books	$100 00
For Janitor of Town Hall and Library . .	600 00

Article 6 laid on the table.

Voted, That when this meeting adjourn it be to Friday, April 15, at 7.45 o'clock, P. M.

Mr. Abercrombie moved a reconsideration of the vote to indefinitely postpone Article 20.

Voted, On motion of Mr. Kelley that the motion of Mr. Abercrombie be laid on the table.

Voted to adjourn to April 15, at 7.45 o'clock, P. M.

A true record:

Attest: H. A. MONK,
Town Clerk.

BRAINTREE, APRIL 15, 1898.

The town met in accordance with adjournment from April 4th. Moderator in the chair.

Article 42 taken up. Voted, On motion of Mr. Kane that a committee of five be appointed to investigate the matter of the town purchasing the index to the records prepared by the late Samuel A. Bates and report at an adjournment of this meeting, or at some future special meeting. Moderator appointed Messrs. W. A. Kane, John W. West, Will H. Shaw, John V. Scollard and Eben Prescott.

ART. 34. Voted, On motion of Mr. Scollard, that the selectmen be directed to erect a suitable fence over the bridge on Commercial street, the same to be paid for from the appropriation for highways.

Art. 15. Voted, On motion of Mr. Scollard, that the night police be continued; that they be paid two ($2) dollars per night; that they be required to furnish themselves with uniforms, the same to be approved by the selectmen; that the sum of twenty-one hundred and ninety ($2190) dollars be appropriated.

Articles 16, 25, 28, taken up. Voted, To appropriate nine thousand ($9,000) dollars for operating street lighting system, and that the balance of the revenue derived from commercial and domestic lights, meter rents and jobbing, after deducting four hundred and thirty ($430) dollars voted for sinking fund; for operating expenses and connecting new users.

Voted, To take up the motion of Mr. Scollard relating to supervision of highways, which was laid on the table at the last meeting.

Voted, On motion of Mr. Cavanagh, that the subject be indefinitely postponed.

Art. 29. Voted, On motion of Mr. Abercrombie to appropriate the sum of two hundred and fifty ($250) dollars to rebuild target and provide furnishings for Company "K" 5th Regiment.

Art. 33. Voted, To appropriate one-hundred ($100) dollars to gravel the driveway in front of Jonas Perkins school house, and that the same be paid from the appropriation for incidentals for school houses.

Art. 32. Voted, The extensions of water mains be paid for from the revenue of that department.

Art. 43. Laid on the table.

Voted, To adjourn to Thursday, April 21, at 7.30 o'clock.

A true record — Attest

H. A. MONK, *Town Clerk.*

Braintree, April 21, 1898.

The town met in accordance with adjournment from April 15, meeting called to order at 7.30 o'clock by moderator.

Art. 42. The committee appointed to examine the index to the records reported that they had done so and recommended its purchase.

Voted to lay the report on the table.

Art. 30. Indefinitely postponed.

Art. 31. Indefinitely postponed.

Art. 35. Indefinitely postponed.

Art. 36. Voted to refer the whole matter to the Selectmen with a request to take no action until the Legislature have acted on the report of a committee recently made to it covering the whole matter of street railways.

Voted, That no franchise be given on any street less than fifty feet wide.

Art. 6. Voted, To authorize the Selectmen to draw orders on the treasurer to the amount of twenty-three hundred ($2,300) dollars for State aid, under Chap. 301, and six hundred ($600) dollars for hospital expenses.

Art. 43. Voted to appropriate the sum of five hundred ($500) dollars to build a drain in Franklin street.

Art. 37. Voted to refer the matter to the Selectmen with instructions to grant franchise asked for with the following conditions, that if by reason of said railway being located in said street, it should necessitate the widening or straightening of the same, the whole expense shall be borne by the railway company; also, that they shall be required to run all regular cars to the South Braintree Station of the N. Y., N. H. & H. R. R.

Art. 39. Indefinitely postponed.

Art. 17. Voted, That the town of Braintree hereby quit claims to Sarah H. Mansfield all its rights, title, and interest, if any, in and to the lot of land, and buildings thereon mentioned in Article 17 of the warrant for this meeting.

Art. 18. Voted, That the town of Braintree hereby quit claims to Henry W. Mansfield, all its right, title, and interest, if any, in and to the lot of land and buildings thereon mentioned in Article 18 of the warrant for this meeting.

Voted, That when this meeting adjourn it be to Friday, April 29 at 7.30 o'clock P. M.

Mr. Kelley gave notice that he should move a reconsideration of the votes passed under Article 36.

Voted to adjourn.

A true record.

Attest: H. A. MONK,
Town Clerk.

Braintree, April 29, 1898.

The town met in accordance with the adjournment from April 21st. Moderator F. A. Hobart in the chair.

Mr. Scollard by unanimous consent offered the following resolution :—

Resolved, That we, the citizens of Braintree in Annual Town Meeting assembled, take cognizance of the present crisis in national affairs; that we desire to place this old town, the birthplace of two presidents and of the father of West Point, General Sylvanus Thayer, on record as heartily endorsing the patriotic policy of President McKinley and both houses of Congress in intervening to prevent inhumanity upon our western hemisphere; that a committee to consist of the Moderator of this meeting, the three

Selectmen and three other citizens to be appointed by the chair, be chosen to arrange for a public meeting at an early date to demonstrate the loyalty and patriotism of the people of this town.

Resolved, That a copy of the vote be sent to President McKinley, Governor Wolcott, the two United States Senators and the Representative in Congress from this district.

Voted unanimously to adopt the foregoing resolutions and John V. Scollard, George D. Willis and T. Haven Dearing were appointed as part of the committee.

Art. 42. The committee on consolidation of town offices rendered a written report with recommendations.

Voted, On motion of Mr. Scollard, that the report be received and the subject matter be indefinitely postponed.

Art. 36. Voted, On motion of Mr. Kelley to reconsider all action taken at the last meeting, under this article.

Voted, On motion of Mr. Kelley as amended by Potter and Stevens, that the Selectmen are hereby requested to grant the franchise on Union street, French's avenue and Commercial street, with reasonable restrictions. That they refuse a location on Central avenue and Tremont street, and that they require the road to be built within one year.

Art. 24. Report of the committee on the A. S. Morrison Electric Lighting Plant. The committee appointed by vote of the Town of Braintree, April 5, 1897, to consider the matter of unauthorized highway occupancy by A. S. Morrison et als. and to ascertain the status and legal rights of the town in relation to the claims of certain rights and privileges by said A. S. Morrison et als., respectfully submit the following report:

1. The committee has taken counsel in the matter, and is advised that it is within the province, and in fact is the duty, of the surveyors of highways to remove, after proper notice to the owners, any and all wires and poles in, upon or over

the highways of said town, for the placing of which wires and poles no license or permit has been given by the proper authorities of the town.

2. The committee is advised that all unauthorized use of the highways may be restrained by the courts upon the application of the Board of Gas and Electric Light Commissioners, whose duty it is to make such applications to the courts upon petition of the town setting forth such unauthorized use of the highways, provided the allegations of said petition are maintained at a hearing upon said petition, which said board will give. In view of the importance of the subject, the value of the town's plant for electric lighting, and the absolute certainty that its revenue and value must certainly decrease if unauthorized and illegal encroachments upon its legitimate territory are permitted to continue, the committee advises that the town avail itself of the remedy in paragraph No. 2 of this report. That a committee be appointed and authorized by vote of the town to, jointly with the Board of Selectmen, or otherwise, petition the Board of Gas and Electric Light Commissioners, and prosecute said petition to a conclusion, for such action by said board as will tend to prevent the unauthorized use of the highways of Braintree by the said A. S. Morrison et als.

(Signed) JOHN CAVANAGH,
F. O. WELLINGTON.

Voted, On motion of Mr. Scollard, that the report of the committee appointed April 5, 1897, to consider the matter of unauthorized street occupancy for electric lighting by A. S. Morrison, be accepted, and the recommendations of said committee be adopted. That all acts of said committee be and they are hereby ratified and confirmed, and that said committee be continued with full power and authority to prepare and prosecute to a conclusion a petition to the Board of Gas and Electric Light Commissioners for such

action by said board as will tend to restrain and prevent the unauthorized use of the highways of Braintree by the said A. S. Morrison *et als.*, said committee to have full power and authority in the premises to employ counsel and to do and perform all acts and things necessary to carry out the intention and vote of the town.

Voted, To add Mr. Eben Prescott, J. V. Scollard and Daniel Potter to the committee.

Voted, On motion of Mr. Cavanagh, that the surveyors of highways of the town of Braintree be and they are hereby instructed to forthwith notify in writing any and all persons now occupying the highways of the town with poles and wires without authority from the town, to remove said poles and wires within ten days from the date of said notice.

Voted, On motion of Mr. Potter that the time for adjournment be extended until the business is completed.

Art. 2. Voted to accept the report of the town officers for the year 1897 and request them in future to condense the reports as much as possible.

Art. 42. Voted on motion of Mr. Kelley that a committee of 15 be appointed, 5 from each part of the town to consider the matter of equalization of taxes, said committee to have the assistance of the Assessors Department and the use of rooms in the public buildings for hearings,, said committee to serve without pay. That said committee be allowed to spend a sum not to exceed fifty dollars ($50.00) to defray the expense of making their report if in their judgment they deem it necessary, said committee to report to the town at some future meeting. Messrs. John Kelley, F. O. Wellington, A. E. Avery, J. F. Sheppard, A. J. Bates, C. W. Clapp, G. H. Arnold, Wallace Wilson, A. S. Morrison, A. C. Drinkwater, Benj. F. Dyer, C. H. Hobart, J. T. Stevens, A. R. French and Daniel Potter were appointed.

Art. 4. Voted, That the collection of taxes be let out

to the lowest bidder. Mr. Frank A. Smith agreed to collect the taxes for seven mills on a dollar, and on ballot he was elected tax collector for the ensuing year.

Art. 6. Voted, To appropriate the sum of thirty-six hundred and fifty dollars ($3,650) for town officers, pay of each to be in same proportion as voted last year.

Voted, That the sum of seven thousand dollars ($7,000) from the Bank and Corporation tax be applied to the payment of the foregoing appropriations.

Voted, That the Moderator be paid for his services five dollars ($5) for each meeting, same to be taken from the appropriation for incidental expenses and that the thanks of the town also be extended him.

Voted, To appropriate in the aggregate eighty-four thousand five hundred and five dollars ($84,505), and that seventy-seven thousand five hundred and five dollars ($77,505) of that amount be assessed.

Voted, To adjourn *sine die*.

A true record.—Attest.

H. A. MONK,
Town Clerk.

SPECIAL TOWN MEETING.

Norfolk, ss. *To either of the Constables of the Town of Braintree,* Greeting:—

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Braintree qualified to vote in town affairs, to meet at the Town Hall in said Braintree on Wednesday the thirtieth day of March 1898, at 7.50 o'clock in the evening to act on the following articles, namely:—

Article 1. To choose a Moderator to preside at said meeting.

Art. 2. To see what action the town will take in relation to a hearing to be given by the County Commissioners on a petition to widen and straighten Commercial street, from its junction with Union street to the line of the Town of Weymouth.

Art. 3. To see if the town will vote to extend the Fire Alarm system and locate a fire alarm box on Hobart or Prospect street; also one at the junction of Pond and Town streets.

Art. 4. To see if the town will appropriate the sum of $400.00 for repairs to road and locating a sidewalk on Hobart street, from a point at the junction of Hobart and Prospect, northerly to Hayward street.

Art. 5. To see if the town will extend the Street Lighting service, from a point on Hobart street through Prospect street, northerly to Hobart street, near the residence of John O'Rourke.

You are to give notice of this meeting by posting up true and attested copies of this warrant in not less than nine public places in this town seven days at least before the time of said meeting and by publishing once in the Braintree Reporter.

Hereof fail not and make return of this warrant with your doings thereon to the Town Clerk before the time of said meeting.

Given under our hands at Braintree this twenty-second day of March, A. D. 1898.

ANSEL O. CLARK,
WM. W. MAYHEW,
J. PARKER HAYWARD,

Selectmen of Braintree

NORFOLK, SS.

BRAINTREE, March 23, 1898.

Pursuant to the within warrant I have notified the inhabitants of the Town of Braintree herein described to meet at the time and place, and for the purposes within mentioned, by posting up attested copies of this warrant at more than nine public places, in said Town of Braintree, seven days before the time set for said meeting, and I have caused the said warrant to be published once in the Braintree Reporter before the time set for said meeting.

HORACE FAXON,

Constable of Braintree.

A true copy—Attest.

H. A. MONK,

Town Clerk.

BRAINTREE, March 30, 1898.

Meeting called to order at 7.50 o'clock P. M. and the warrant read by the Town Clerk.

ARTICLE 1. Upon ballot Mr. F. A. Hobart was elected Moderator and sworn by Town Clerk.

ART. 2. Voted, On motion of Mr. Kelley, that the town, by its Selectmen, appear at the hearing of the County Commissioners April 16, and look after the interests of the town in getting a suitable and systematic widening of Commercial Street, in accordance with the strictest economy.

ART. 3. Indefinitely postponed.

ART. 4. Referred to the Highway Surveyors.

Art. 5. Indefinitely postponed.

Voted, That this meeting be dissolved.

A true record — Attest:

H. A. MONK,

Town Clerk.

WARRANT FOR SPECIAL TOWN MEETING.

Norfolk ss. *To either of the Constables of the Town of Braintree:* Greeting:—

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Braintree qualified to vote in town affairs to meet at the town hall in said Braintree, on Thursday, the twenty-sixth day of May, 1898, at eight o'clock in the evening, to act on the following articles, namely:

Article 1. To choose a Moderator to preside at said meeting.

Art. 2. To see if the town will instruct the committee appointed under a resolution adopted at the annual meeting to procure a flagstaff and flag to be placed upon the town grounds, and dedicate the same with appropriate services.

You are to give notice of this meeting by posting up true and attested copies of this warrant in not less than nine public places in this town, seven days at least before the time of said meeting, and by publishing the same in the Braintree Observer.

Hereof fail not, and make return of this warrant with your doings thereon to the Town Clerk, before the time of said meeting.

Given under our hands at Braintree, this eighteenth day of May, A. D. 1898.

ANSEL O. CLARK,
J. PARKER HAYWARD,
Selectmen of Braintree.

NORFOLK SS. BRAINTREE, May 19, 1898.

Pursuant to the within warrant, I have notified the inhabitants of the Town of Braintree herein described to meet at the time and place and for the purposes within mentioned by posting up attested copies of this warrant at more than nine public places in said Town of Braintree, seven days before the time set for said meeting, and I have caused the said warrant to be published once in the Braintree Observer before the time set for said meeting.

HORACE FAXON,
Constable of Braintree.

A true copy.

Attest: H. A. MONK,
Town Clerk.

BRAINTREE, May 26, 1898.

The town met in accordance with the foregoing warrant, the meeting was called to order at 8 o'clock, P. M., and the warrant read by the Town Clerk.

ARTICLE 1. Upon ballot with the use of the check list, Mr. John V. Scollard was elected Moderator and sworn by the Town Clerk.

ART. 2. Voted on motion of Mr. G. D. Willis that the committee appointed under the resolutions presented by J.

V. Scollard at our last annual meeting, which were unanimously adopted, are hereby empowered to procure and cause to be placed upon the town grounds, a suitable staff and flag, and that the same be appropriately dedicated at such time as said committee may designate; all details to be left to the discretion of said committee.

Voted to adjourn sine die.

A true record.

Attest: H. A. MONK,

Town Clerk.

WARRANT FOR TOWN MEETING.

NORFOLK, ss. To either of the *Constables of the Town of Braintree*, GREETING: -

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Braintree, qualified to vote in town affairs, to meet at the Town Hall, in said Braintree, on Friday, the 29th day of July, 1898, at two o'clock in the afternoon, to act on the following articles, namely: —

ARTICLE 1. To choose a Moderator to preside at said meeting.

ART. 2. To choose a member of the Water Board, also a Sinking Fund Commissioner to fill the vacancy caused by the death of John V. Scollard.

ART. 3. To see if the town will accept the laying out as a town way the private way leading from Hancock street to Washington street, in land of Mrs. S. J. Hollingsworth, heirs of Joseph Dyer, and others, as made by the Selectmen, and appropriate the sum of two hundred dollars to build the same.

Art. 4. To see if the Town will accept the widening and re-locating of Mount Vernon avenue, leading westerly from Washington street, as made by the Selectmen, and appropriate the sum of five hundred dollars to build the same.

Art. 5. To see if the Town will accept the provisions of Chapter No. 186 of the Acts of the Legislature of 1895, entitled, an Act relating to the watering of streets in towns.

Art. 6. To see if the Town will accept the laying out as town ways Lowell street (so called), leading northerly from Elm street, and that part of Park street (so called), leading easterly from the aforesaid Lowell street to Cedar street, in lands of Charles E. Merrill and heirs of Elmer Morrison, as made by the Selectmen, and appropriate a sum of money to build the same.

Art. 7. To see if the Town will vote one hundred dollars additional to the Town Treasurer to reimburse the amount paid for his bond.

Art. 8. To see if the Town desires to take any action or instruct the Selectmen in relation to the petition of the Boynton Bicycle Railway Company for a location in this town.

Art. 9. To choose any committee, or hear the report of any committee, and act thereon.

You are to give notice of this meeting by posting up true and attested copies of this warrant in not less than nine public places in this town, seven days at least before the time of said meeting, and by publishing once in the Braintree Reporter.

Hereof fail not and make return of this warrant with your doings thereon to the Town Clerk, before the time of said meeting.

Given under our hands at Braintree, this twenty-first day of July, A. D. 1898.

ANSEL O. CLARK,
WM. W. MAYHEW,
J. PARKER HAYWARD,

Selectmen of Braintree.

NORFOLK, ss. BRAINTREE, July 22, 1898.

Pursuant to the within warrant I have notified the inhabitants of the Town of Braintree herein described to meet at the time and place, and for the purposes within mentioned by posting up attested copies of this warrant seven days before the time set for said meeting, in more than nine public places in said town, and I have caused the said warrant to be published once in the Braintree Reporter before the time set for said meeting.

HORACE FAXON,
Constable of Braintree.

A true copy.

Attest: H. A. MONK,
Town Clerk.

BRAINTREE, July 29, 1898.

In accordance with the foregoing warrant the meeting was called to order at 2 o'clock P.M., by Henry A. Monk, Town Clerk, and the warrant read.

ARTICLE 1. Mr. Ansel O. Clark was appointed to check the list and was sworn by Town Clerk. Upon ballot Mr. F. A. Hobart was elected Moderator and was sworn.

ART. 2. Voted, To lay on the table.

Art. 3. Voted, To accept Hancock avenue as laid out by the Selectmen, and the sum of two hundred dollars ($200), is hereby appropriated to build the same.

Art. 4. Voted, To accept the widening and relocating of Mt. Vernon avenue as recommend by the Selectmen according to plans presented by them, and that the sum of five hundred dollars be appropriated to build the same.

Art. 5. Voted to refer the matter to a committee of three, with instructions to confer with the different Electric Roads in regard to sprinkling. Also to take into consideration what other streets in town should be watered. Moderator appointed John Kelley, E. E. Abercrombie, and B. T. Dyer as that committee.

Art 6. Indefinitely postponed.

Art 2. Taken from the table. Moved that the polls be opened and that we proceed to the election of a Water Commissioner and Commissioner of Sinking Fund, and that the polls be kept open for at least two hours. Voted to lay on the table.

Art 9. Taken up. The following resolution was offered by Mr. J. W. West:

Whereas, Reports are being circulated that there are financial irregularities existing in the department of the Water Commissioners, and for the purpose of counteracting their bad effect upon the town and those having charge of that department, we, the citizens in town meeting assembled, hereby request the Water Commissioners to present not later than September 1 a printed report of the financial condition of the Water Department of this town on July 1, 1898.

Mr. Wallace Wilson offered the following motion as a substitute for the above:

Voted, To substitute Mr. Wilson's motion.

Voted, That a committee of three be appointed by the Moderator to fully examine into the accounts and financial status of the Board of Water Commissioners, and to examine into the nature and merits of the claim of the Hydraulic Construction Company of New York against the town, and to negotiate and effect an adjustment of such claim without litigation, if in the opinion of such committee, or a majority thereof, such adjustment shall be to the advantage of the town. Such committee shall have power to employ such legal and clerical assistance as may be necessary, and shall report its doings and recommendations to the town at an adjournment of this meeting, to be held on the first Wednesday evening in September, at 7.30 o'clock. The various town officers shall produce any books or papers in their possession pertaining to the matter at the request of the committee. Moderator appointed Mr. Wallace Wilson, Albert E. Avery and Daniel Potter as that committee.

Art. 7. Voted, To indefinitely postpone.

Mr. Holbrook gave notice to the Moderator that he should move a reconsideration of the vote.

Art. 8 (taken up). Voted, That this meeting adjourn to Wednesday, September 7, at 7.30 o'clock P. M.

A true record—Attest: H. A. MONK,
Town Clerk.

Braintree, Sept. 7, 1898.

The town met in accordance with adjournment from July 29. Meeting opened at 7.42 o'clock, P. M. Moderator F. A. Hobart in the chair.

Art. 8. Voted to lay the subject matter of this article on the table.

Art. 9. Taken up. The committee appointed at the last

meeting to investigate the Water Department, reported through its Secretary, Mr. Daniel Potter.

Voted, To adjourn for ten minutes.

The meeting was again called to order at 8.10 o'clock, and the reading of the report resumed.

Voted, That the report be laid on the table to be taken up at an adjournment of this meeting.

Art. 2. Taken from the table. Voted, To proceed to elect by ballot a Water Commissioner and Commissioner of Sinking Funds to fill the vacancy caused by the death of John V. Scollard, both on one ballot.

Mr. A. O. Clark was appointed to check the voting list and was sworn.

Mr. A. E. Avery, G. D. Doane and the Town Clerk were appointed to assort and count the votes. Mr. Avery and Doane were sworn.

Voted, That upon the declaration of the result of the ballot this meeting adjourn until two weeks from to-night at 7.30 o'clock.

The ballot resulted in the election of Mr. John Kelley as Water Commissioner and Commissioner of Sinking Funds, and was so declared.

The meeting was then declared adjourned to Wednesday evening, Sept. 21, at 7.30 o'clock, P. M.

A true record.

Attest: H. A. MONK,
Town Clerk.

Braintree, Sept. 21, 1898.

Meeting opened at 7.42 o'clock, P. M. Moderator F. A. Hobart in the chair.

Voted, To take the report of the investigating committee from the table.

Voted, To adjourn to Thursday evening, Sept. 29, immediately after the conclusion of the business of the special town meeting of that date.

A true record—Attest: H. A. MONK,
Town Clerk.

BRAINTREE, September 29, 1898.

Meeting opened at 9.10 o'clock P. M., Moderator F. A. Hobart in the chair.

The report of the investigating committee still under consideration.

Voted, To adjourn to Wednesday evening, October 5, at 7.30 o'clock.

A true record. Attest: H. A. MONK,
Town Clerk.

BRAINTREE, October 5, 1898.

The town met in accordance with adjournment from September 29.

Report of investigating committee still being considered.

Voted, To adjourn to Wednesday evening, October 12, at 7.30 o'clock.

A true record—Attest: H. A. MONK,
Town Clerk.

BRAINTREE, October 12, 1898.

The town met in accordance with adjournment from October 5. Moderator F. A. Hobart in the chair.

Voted, That the report of the committee appointed July 29, to investigate the water department, be received, and that the Water Commissioners be instructed to make no settlement with the Hydraulic Construction Co. of New York without first submitting the matter to the town.

Voted, That a committee of five be appointed to recommend an amendment to the by-laws to regulate the collection of electric light and water rates, and the regulation of special appropriations; the approving of bonds of the several town officers, and to regulate special town meetings, as to the number of voters required to be present and voting when money is to be appropriated or the town put to any expense. Said committee to report at a special town meeting; said meeting to be called at least thirty days previous to next March meeting.

Art. 8 (taken up). Voted, To instruct the Selectmen to grant the Boynton Bicycle Railroad a location as asked for, with such restrictions as shall protect the town from damage.

Voted, To adjourn.

A true record. Attest: H. A. MONK,
Town Clerk.

WARRANT FOR SPECIAL TOWN MEETING.

Norfolk, ss. *To either of the Constables of the Town of Braintree.* Greeting:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Braintree qualified to vote in town affairs to meet at the town hall, in said Braintree, on Wednesday the seventh day of September, 1898, at 8 o'clock in the evening to act on the following articles, namely:

Article 1. To choose a Moderator to preside at said meeting.

Art. 2. To see if the town will vote to extend the water main from Stetson street, junction of Liberty street to a point near Mrs. S. Buker's on Liberty street, as surveyed by the Superintendent of Water Works and to appropriate a sum of money for the same.

Art. 3. To see if the town will accept the laying out as townways of Lowell street, so called, and that portion of Park street running east from the aforesaid Lowell street to Cedar street as laid out by the Selectmen and appropriate a sum of money to build the same.

Art. 4. To see what action the town will take in relation to widening Commercial street as ordered by the County Commissioners.

You are to give notice of this meeting by posting up true and attested copies of this warrant in not less than nine public places in this town seven days at least before the time of said meeting and by publishing the same once in the Braintree Observer.

Hereof fail not and make return of this warrant with your doings thereon to the Town Clerk before the time of said meeting.

Given under our hands at Braintree this thirtieth day of August, A. D. 1898.

ANSEL O. CLARK,
WM. W. MAYHEW,
J. PARKER HAYWARD,

Selectmen of Braintree.

NORFOLK, ss. BRAINTREE, August 31, 1898.

Pursuant to the within warrant I have notified the inhabitants of the town of Braintree, herein described, to meet at the time and place and for the purposes within mentioned by posting up attested copies of this warrant at more than nine public places in said town of Braintree, seven days before the time set for said meeting, and I have caused the said warrant to be published once in the Braintree Observer before the time set for said meeting.

HORACE FAXON,

Constable of Braintree.

A true copy—Attest:

H. A. MONK,

Town Clerk.

BRAINTREE, Sept. 7, 1898.

In accordance with the foregoing warrant the meeting was called to order at 8 o'clock P.M. and the warrant read by the Town Clerk.

ARTICLE 1. Upon ballot with the use of the check list Mr. F. A. Hobart was elected Moderator and sworn by the Town Clerk.

ART. 2. Taken up. Voted, That this meeting adjourn until the conclusion of the business of the previous meeting.

The meeting was again called to order at 10.10 o'clock.

Voted, To adjourn to two weeks from this date at 9 o'clock P. M.

A true record—Attest:

H. A. MONK,

Town Clerk.

BRAINTREE, Sept. 21, 1898.

The town met in accordance with adjournment from Sept. 7.

Voted, To adjourn to Thursday, Sept. 29, at 7.30 o'clock P.M.

A true record—Attest:

H. A. MONK,
Town Clerk.

BRAINTREE, Sept. 29, 1898.

The town met in accordance with the adjournment from Sept. 21. Meeting opened at 7.35 o'clock, Moderator F. A. Hobart in the chair.

ARTICLE 2. Laid on table.

ART. 3. Voted, To accept Lowell street and Park street as laid out by the Selectmen and that the sum of five hundred dollars ($500.) be appropriated to build the same.

ART. 4. Voted, To appropriate a sum not to exceed eighty-five hundred dollars ($8,500) to carry out the order of the County Commissioners to widen and straighten Commercial street.

Voted, That the Selectmen be instructed to ask for bids and let by contract to the lowest responsible bidder, the blasting and crushing of the stone on Commercial street, serviceable for the roads and the building of retaining walls, suitable culverts; and the grading from a point near Shaw street to the Weymouth line, and that the Selectmen be instructed to place a clause in the contract that preference be given the town laborers on said work and that the remaining work on said street be done under the direction of the highway department.

Voted, That the Selectmen be instructed to proceed promptly so that the work may be done before spring.

Art. 2. Taken from the table.

Voted, That the Water Board make such extension if they receive from responsible parties a guarantee of an income of 5 per cent., per annum on the cost of said extension.

Voted, To adjourn.

A true record—Attest:

H. A. MONK,

Town Clerk.

WARRANT FOR ELECTION.

Norfolk, ss. *To either of the Constables of the Town of Braintree.* Greeting:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Braintree, qualified to vote in elections, to meet at the Town Hall in said Braintree, on Tuesday, the eighth day of November, 1898, at six o'clock in the forenoon, to bring in their votes to the Selectmen for Governor of the Commonwealth, Lieutenant-Governor, Secretary, Auditor, Attorney-General, Councillor, Senator, two Representatives in the General Court, one County Commissioner, two Special Commissioners, District Attorney, Register of Probate and Insolvency, Sheriff, and a Representative in Congress. All of the above votes to be on one ballot.

The polls will be kept open until one o'clock p. m.

You are directed to serve this warrant by posting up attested copies thereof in not less than nine public places in this town seven days at least before the time of said meet-

ing, and by publishing the same once in the Braintree Reporter.

Hereof fail not and make return of this warrant with your doings thereon to the Selectmen before the time of said meeting.

Given under our hands at Braintree this twenty-fifth day of October in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and ninety-eight.

ANSEL O. CLARK,
WM. W. MAYHEW,
J. PARKER HAYWARD,
Selectmen of Braintree.

NORFOLK, SS.

BRAINTREE, October 31, 1898.

Pursuant to the within warrant I have notified the inhabitants of the town of Braintree herein described to meet at the time and place, and for the purposes within mentioned, by posting up attested copies of this warrant at more than nine public places in said town of Braintree, seven days before the time set for said meeting, and I have caused the said warrant to be published once before the time set for said meeting in the Braintree Reporter.

HORACE FAXON,
Constable of Braintree.

A true copy — Attest:

H. A. MONK,
Town Clerk.

BRAINTREE, November 8, 1898.

In accordance with the foregoing warrant the meeting was called to order and the warrant read by Ansel O.

Clark, Chairman of the Board of Selectmen, who presided at the meeting.

W. A. Kane and Richard L. Arnold, having been appointed ballot clerks; Geo. W. Stevens and Conrad Mischler, inspectors; Worth Green, Dennis Dugan, Thomas P. Harrison, Jeremiah F. Gallivan, Will. H. Shaw, Charles G. Sheppard, Wilford F. Woodsum and Charles G. Jordan, as tellers, were all sworn by the Town Clerk.

The Town Clerk delivered to the presiding officer the first set of ballots and received his receipt therefor.

The cards of instructions and specimen ballots were posted according to law.

The Clerk of the Board of Registrars furnished the presiding officer with a list of the qualified voters for the use of the Selectmen, and a duplicate copy for the use of the ballot clerks.

The polls were declared open at six o'clock A. M.

Voted, That the polls be kept open until 1.30 o'clock, and at that time the polls were declared closed.

At the close of the balloting the presiding officer announced that 801 ballots had been deposited, and that that number of names had been checked on the list by the Selectmen and also by the ballot clerks.

At the close of the counting of the ballots he also announced that eight hundred and one ballots had been deposited, that they were all cancelled, and that they were for the following persons, namely:

GOVERNOR.

Alexander B. Bruce, Democratic	218
George R. Peare, Socialist Labor Party . . .	9
Winfield P. Porter, Dem. Social Nom. Papers .	4
Samuel B. Shapleigh, Prohibition	8

GOVERNOR—Continued.

Roger Wolcott, Republican	517
Blanks	45
Total	801

LIEUTENANT-GOVERNOR.

Michael T. Berry, Socialist Labor Party	9
W. Murray Crane, Republican	515
John L. Kilbon, Prohibition	10
Isaac W. Skinner, Dem. Social Nom. Paper	5
Edward J. Slattery, Democratic	205
Blanks	57
Total	801

SECRETARY.

Charles H. Bradley, Dem. Social Nom. Paper	10
Henry A. Inman, Prohibition	12
Henry Lloyd, Democratic	198
William M. Olin, Republican	494
James F. Stevens, Socialist Labor Party	18
Blanks	69
Total	801

TREASURER.

Martha Moore Avery, Socialist Labor Party	12
Harry J. Jaquith, Democratic	204
Edward P. Shaw, Republican	492
Herbert Morley Small, Prohibition	9
Charles W. White, Dem. Social Nom. Paper	5
Blanks	79
Total	801

AUDITOR.

Charles S. Grieves, Dem. Social Nom. Paper	3
John W. Kimball, Republican	492
John Palme, Socialist Labor Party	15
Charles F. Parker, Democratic	194
Walter E. Sanford	12
Blanks	85
Total	801

ATTORNEY GENERAL.

Patrick Kilbon, Democratic	205
Hosea M. Knowlton, Republican	513
Clarence E. Spelman, Socialist Labor Party	18
Blanks	65
Total	801

COUNCILLOR.

William W. Davis, Republican	495
Harrison Dunham, Democratic	221
Blanks	85
Total	801

SENATOR.

George R. R. Rivers, Democratic	211
B. Herbert Woodsum, Republican	540
Blanks	50
Total	801

REPRESENTATIVES IN GENERAL COURT.

Martin E. Hawes, Republican	413
Charles C. Mellen, Republican	473
John B. Whelan, Democratic	305
Frank Hobart	1
Blanks	410
Total	1602

COUNTY COMMISSIONER.

Thomas Blanchard, Republican	492
Charles C. Sanderson, Democratic	220
Blanks	89
Total	801

SPECIAL COMMISSIONERS.

John Everett, Republican	483
Robert B. Martin, Democratic	182
Timothy F. Quinn, Democratic	156
Lewis R. Whittaker, Republican	411
Blanks	370
Total	1602

DISTRICT ATTORNEY.

Charles A. Gilday, Democratic	208
Robert O. Harris, Republican	506
Blanks	87
Total	801

REGISTER OF PROBATE AND INSOLVENCY.

Jonathan Cobb, Republican, Democratic	567
H. F. Drinkwater	1
H. L. Patten	1
Blanks	232
Total	801

SHERIFF.

Samuel H. Capen, Democratic, Republican	583
H. A. Thayer	1
Blanks	212
Total	801

REPRESENTATIVE IN CONGRESS

Philip E. Brady, Democratic	213
William C. Lovering, Republican . . .	502
Jeremiah O. Fihelly, Socialist Labor Party . .	12
Blanks	74
Total	801

The returns were then signed and sealed the ballots sealed according to law and delivered to the Town Clerk and the check lists sealed and delivered to the proper officer.

Voted that the meeting be disbanded.

A true record—Attest: H. A. MONK,
Town Clerk.

BRAINTREE, November 15, 1898.

The petition of C. F. Hill Crathern and others praying for a recount of the ballots deposited in the Town of Braintree, Nov. 8, 1898, for Representatives in the General Court for the Sixth Norfolk Representative District was filed in the office of the Town Clerk of Braintree, Nov. 11, 1898. The several candidates voted for, were notified according to law. The Board of Registrars were notified of said petition and they proceeded to recount the votes, as provided for in Section 264, Chapter 548, of the Acts of the Legislature of the year 1898, on the 15th day of Nov. 1898. The following certificate was filed with the Town Clerk :—

BRAINTREE, November 15, 1898.

We the undersigned a majority of the Board of Registrars, of the Town of Braintree, having opened the envelopes and recounted the ballots cast for the offices of Representatives in the General Court for the Sixth Norfolk District upon the

petition of C. F. Hill Crathern and others, have determined the questions therein raised and find the result as follows :—

For Martin E. Hawes	413
For Charles C. Mellen	474
For John B. Whelan	305
For Frank Hobart	1
Blanks	409

(Signed.)

ALVA S. MORRISON,
ALBERT E. AVERY,
HENRY A. MONK,
Board of Registrars.

The records are hereby amended in accordance with the foregoing certificate.

A true record—Attest :

H. A. MONK,
Town Clerk.

BRAINTREE, November 18, 1898.

The Town Clerks of Braintree and Weymouth met at the town house in Braintree at 12 o'clock noon and opened the returns for representatives in the General Court, for district number six, county of Norfolk, and found the whole number of ballots were twenty-six hundred and seventy-nine (2,679).

Martin E. Hawes of Weymouth had	1,287
Charles C. Mellen of Braintree had	1,231
John B. Whelan of Weymouth had	1,304
Frank Hobart had	1
Fred L. Kenerson	1
Albert E. Worthen had	1
T. Henry Halligan had	1
Blanks	1,522

Martin E. Hawes and John B. Whelan were declared elected and the necessary certificates signed.

[Signed]. HENRY A. MONK,
Town Clerk of Braintree.

[Signed]. JOHN A. RAYMOND,
Town Clerk of Weymouth.

WARRANT FOR TOWN MEETING.

NORFOLK, SS. *To either of the Constables of the Town of Braintree:* GREETING:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Braintree, qualified to vote in town affairs, to meet at the Town Hall, in said Braintree, on Friday, the twenty-fith day of November, 1898, at seven and one-half o'clock, in the evening, to act on the following articles, namely:—

ARTICLE 1. To choose a Moderator to preside at said meeting.

ART. 2. To see if the town will vote to make an appropriation to extend the water main in Liberty street from the junction of Stetson street to near the house of Mrs. S. Buker.

ART. 3. To see if the town will instruct the Board of Water Commissioners to settle the claim made by the Hydraulic Construction Company of New York, in relation to the driven wells, whether said claim arises out of the contract made by said company with said board about Sept. 17, 1896, or otherwise, for the sum of twelve hundred and fifty dollars.

ART. 4. To see if the town will authorize its Treasurer, under the direction of the Board of Selectmen, to borrow such sums of money as may be needed for the widening of

Commercial street as ordered by the County Commissioners.

Art. 5. To see if the town will appropriate the sum of one hundred dollars, as additional salary, and pay the same to the Town Treasurer for his services.

Art. 6. To see if the town will make an additional appropriation for repairs of highways of one thousand dollars.

You are to give notice of this meeting, by posting up true and attested copies of this warrant in not less than nine public places in this town, seven days at least, before the time of said meeting, and by publishing the same once in the Braintree Reporter.

Hereof fail not and make return of this warrant with your doings thereon to the Town Clerk before the time of said meeting.

Given under our hands at Braintree, this seventeenth day of November, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and ninety-eight.

ANSEL O. CLARK,
WM. W. MAYHEW,
J. PARKER HAYWARD,
Selectmen of Braintree.

A true copy—Attest:

HORACE FAXON.
Constable of Braintree.

Norfolk, ss.

Braintree, Nov. 18, 1898.

Pursuant to the foregoing warrant, I hereby notify and warn the inhabitants of the town of Braintree, qualified as herein expressed, to meet at the time and place for the purposes herein named.

HORACE FAXON,
Constable of Braintree.

BRAINTREE, November 25, 1898.

In accordance with the foregoing warrant the meeting was called to order at 7.30 o'clock and the warrant read by the Town Clerk.

ARTICLE 1. Upon ballot, Mr. F. A. Hobart was chosen Moderator and sworn by the Town Clerk.

Voted, To take up article 3 of the warrant.

Voted, That the Water Commissioners be authorized to settle the claim of the Hydraulic Construction Company, of New York, for a sum not to exceed twelve hundred and fifty dollars ($1250.)

ART. 2. Voted, That the sum of two thousand dollars be appropriated to extend the water main in Liberty street, and that the balance of the expense be paid from the revenues of the water department.

ART. 4. Taken up.

Voted, To adjourn to Saturday evening, December 3, at 7.30 o'clock.

A true record — Attest:

H. A. MONK,
Town Clerk.

BRAINTREE, December 3, 1898.

The town met in accordance with adjournment from November 25. Moderator F. A. Hobart in the chair.

ART. 4. Voted, That the Treasurer, under the direction of the Board of Selectmen, be authorized to borrow the sum of ten thousand dollars ($10,000), said sum to be applied to the payment of the land damages, the blasting out and crushing the ledge, the widening and grading of that por-

tion of Commercial street between the junction of Shaw street and the Weymouth line.

Art. 5. Voted, to appropriate the sum of one hundred dollars and pay the same to the Treasurer, to reimburse him for the amount paid for his bond.

Art. 6. Voted, To appropriate the sum of one thousand dollars ($1,000) for the repair of highways and removal of snow

Voted, To adjourn.

A true record—Attest: H. A. MONK,
Town Clerk.

Braintree, December 23, 1898.

Copy of Notice from the Selectmen:—

At a meeting of the Selectmen, held this day, Benjamin F. Dyer was appointed Town Treasurer *pro tempore*, to fill a vacancy in said office caused by the death of Peter D. Holbrook.

ANSEL O. CLARK,
Chairman of Selectmen.

A true copy—Attest:

H. A. Monk,
Town Clerk.

Braintree, December 27, 1898.

Personally appeared before me this day, Benjamin F. Dyer, and was sworn to the faithful performance of the duties of Treasurer of the Town of Braintree.

HENRY A. MONK,
Town Clerk.

H. A. Monk, in account with Norfolk County, as collector of Dog Tax for the Town of Braintree for the year 1898.

Dr.

Received for licenses on 347 dogs . . .	$772 00
	$772 00

Cr.

1898.		
Mar. 25.	Paid for blanks	$3 00
June 1.	Making return to Norfolk County Treasury	1 20
Dec. 1.	Making return to Norfolk County Treasurer	1 20
June 1.	Cash paid Treasurer . . .	139 80
Dec. 7.	Cash paid Treasurer . . .	557 40
Dec. 31.	Charges for 347 licenses at 20c. each	69 40
		$772 00

Examined and vouchers furnished for the above account.

(Signed) DANIEL POTTER,
Auditor.

BRAINTREE, Jan. 19, 1899.

TOWN OF BRAINTREE.

REPORT

OF THE

Board of

Water Commissioners

From January 1, 1898, to December 31, 1898.

ORGANIZATION.

Board of Water Commissioners.

HON. JAMES T. STEVENS, Chairman.

T. HAVEN DEARING, M. D. JOHN V. SCOLLARD,

To June 20th.

JOHN KELLEY. From Sept 7, to fill vacancy.

Superintendent.

WILLIAM E. MAYBURY,

Treasurer.

PETER D. HOLBROOK, to Dec. 19th.

BENJAMIN F. DYER,

From Dec. 23, to fill vacancy.

Registrar and Collector.

JOHN V. SCOLLARD, to June 20th.

HENRY A. MONK,

From June 24, to fill vacancy.

Engineer.

JOHN W. MULCAHY.

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF WATER COMMISSIONERS.

In accordance with the usual custom the Board of Water Commissioners respectfully present the following report of the Water Department, for the year 1898. :—

The appropriations for the year were as follows : For hydrant service, $4,150 ; for water loan sinking funds, $5,120 ; for extension of main in Liberty street, $2,000.

At the annual town meeting in March, Dr. T. Haven Dearing was re-elected as a member of the Board for the term of three years.

The Board organized early in the year by the choice of the same officers as for the year previous.

The Board has been peculiarly unfortunate the past year, having lost by death its Secretary and Collector and also its Treasurer. We extend to the families of the deceased our sincere sympathy for their loss.

At a town meeting held on the 7th. day of September, Mr. John Kelley was elected as Water Commissioner and a Commissioner of Sinking Funds, to fill the vacancy caused by the death of John V. Scollard.

The Board has chosen Mr. Benjamin F. Dyer, to fill the vacancy in the office of Treasurer and Mr. H. A. Monk as Secretary and Collector, both of these offices are filled temporarily.

The Board would recommend the town to pass a vote or adopt a by-law, making the Town Treasurer the custodian of all securities belonging to the various sinking funds and also all moneys of this department which may be collected and paid over to him. We believe the Town Treasurer should have the custody and be held responsible for all town money and securities.

The management of the mechanical part of the business, as also the maintenance and extensions, are under the direction of Mr. William E. Maybury, Superintendent, who we have continued in that position, as we believe he has given the utmost satisfaction to the people of the town in that position for a number of years. We believe he has attained the highest efficiency in his department and he has the unqualified approval of the Commissioners.

EXTENSIONS.

We are of the opinion that good business judgment demands that the business of the department should be gradually enlarged to meet the natural growth and to promote the development of the town especially when an adequate income from the expenditures can be obtained. We are of the opinion that for the coming year the income from water rates in addition to the balance on hand will be amply sufficient for all needed extensions.

DRIVEN WELLS.

The board has effected a settlement with the Hydraulic Construction Company of New York, of its claim amounting to $2,750 for the sum of $1,250, thus ending all contention between the town and said company. The commissioners feel some degree of satisfaction that they were able to make such a favorable settlement as the committee of investigation appointed by the town had recommended that the town offer the sum of $2,000 in settlement of the claim of said

Hydraulic Construction Company so that by the settlement made the town has been saved $750 from what the committee was willing to pay and leaving to the town a system of wells that as an addition to their former supply will be adequate to furnish all the water needed for several years to come at a comparatively small cost.

COLLECTIONS.

The board calls the attention of water takers to the fact that much trouble and loss have arisen in the past, from the delay in the payment of water rates, more from negligence than intention, we believe. We ask your co-operation in the enforcement of the by-laws of the town and the rules of the department. We have established an office at the town house where water rates will be received anytime during business hours, any information relating to the business will be cheerfully given or orders be received.

DEFICIENCY IN THE ACCOUNTS OF LATE COLLECTOR.

The shortage in the accounts of the late collector has been found to be $6,643.68; this sum is probably as nearly correct as can ever be determined. The commissioners through C. C. Mellen, Esq., their counsel in the matter were enabled to effect a settlement with the Fidelity and Deposit Company of Maryland, whereby the town received the sum of $4,000. The board congratulates the town upon the fact that this amount has been paid without litigation or objection on the part of the Bond Company notwithstanding repeated statements had been made publicly and privately that the bonds were worthless.

SINKING FUNDS.

During the year the Commissioners have purchased seven Braintree Water Bonds of the issue of 1891, as an invest-

ment for the Sinking Funds. We believe it to be good policy to purchase our own bonds whenever they can be obtained.

COLLECTOR.

We do not feel like closing our report without commending the present efficient Collector, Mr. Monk, for his untiring efforts in getting the accounts in proper condition; for his careful business methods in making collections, and his courteous treatment of customers. We feel that his continuation as Collector will be a benefit to this department and of financial advantage to the town.

For detailed statements of the practical operation of the department we refer you to the Superintendent's report herewith presented, as are also the reports of the Treasurer and Collector, giving in detail the financial condition of the department, and of the Sinking Funds.

Respectfully submitted,

JAMES T. STEVENS,
T. HAVEN DEARING,
JOHN KELLEY,

Board of Water Commissioners of Braintree.

REPORT OF COLLECTIONS

FROM JANUANY 1, TO JUNE 30, 1898.

JOHN V. SCOLLARD, COLLECTOR.

The Collector is charged with collections made on account of water rates, pipes, etc. .		$7,413 64
The Collector is credited as follows :—		
By cash paid Treasurer . .	$778 96	
Paid Treasurer, by the Fidelity and Deposit Company, of Maryland, surety on bonds	4,000 00	
		4,778 96
Due from the estate of John V. Scollard		$2,634 68
The amount reported uncollected Dec. 31, 1897 was as follows :—		
For water rates . . .	$4,356 84	
For pipes, etc. . . .	1,017 56	
		5,374 40
The amount remaining uncollected, June 30, 1898.		
For water rates . . .	$4,852 66	
For pipes, etc. . . .	794 49	
		5,647 15

Of this amount represented as uncollected, June 30, 1898, there is about $250, which the people to whom it is charged claim they have paid, but cannot produce any receipt for the same. The Commissioners have not yet determined what

disposition to make of these cases and the full amount is carried forward as uncollected.

REPORT OF H. A. MONK, COLLECTOR OF WATER RATES FROM JULY 1, 1898, TO DEC. 31, 1898.

The collector is charged as follows :—

Water rates	$9,221 93	
Pipes, etc.	607 07	
Uncollected water rates due July 1	4,852 66	
Uncollected, pipes, etc., due July 1	794 49	
		$15,476 15

The collector is credited as follows :—

Water rates uncollected . .	2,680 83	
Pipes, etc., uncollected . .	648 17	
Abatements	427 08	
Amount collected and paid Treasurer	11,720 07	
		$15,476 15

Examined the water register and all books including cash, meter and service accounts for the six months from July 1, 1898, to December 31, 1898, inclusive, Henry A. Monk, Collector, water rates, piping, etc., and find practically correct. Receipts of the Treasurer, P. D. Holbrook, and Benj. F. Dyer, pro tem for cash paid on said accounts $11,720.07 (eleven thousand seven hundred and twenty dollars and seven cents.)

P. D. H.	$11,061 71
B. F. D.	658 36
	$11,720 07

DANIEL POTTER, *Auditor.*

BRAINTREE, February 6, 1899.

FINANCIAL.

MAINTENANCE.

Pay of men as per pay rolls .	$371 82
Security Safe Deposit Co., box rent	26 66
W. E. Maybury, cash for freight and telephone, pay roll .	2 00
C. H. Hobart, telephone messages	2 54
Perry's Express . . .	6 50
R. W. Ness, paint . . .	6 00
Edward Shay, labor . .	58 16
T. J. Cain, supplies . .	56 92
Thomas South, Jr., labor .	20 88
Walworth Mfg. Co., supplies .	30 95
Eagle Oil Co., supplies . . .	5 15
H. B. Whitman, labor . .	4 40
Fore River Engine Co., labor .	5 59
Ambler & Hobart, supplies .	43 33
H. H. Thayer, labor . .	39 97
C. O. Miller, repairs . .	6 70
Daniel Potter, accountant .	72 00
H. A. Monk, collecting water rates	234 40
H. A. Monk, expenses . .	6 70
Brown's Express . . .	15 75

H. M. White, supplies . .	$17 27	
D. H. B. Thayer, expressing .	50 79	
C. G. Anderson, labor . .	37 00	
J. T. Stevens, expenses . .	6 00	
Richard Belyea, labor . .	1 45	
Coffin Valve Co., supplies .	77 00	
H. W. Mansfield, supplies .	11 40	
N. Y. & Boston Despatch Express Co.	1 15	
		$1,218 48

SERVICE.

Pay of men as per pay rolls .	486 61½	
Chadwick Lead Works, supplies	130 12	
Walworth Mfg. Co., supplies .	86 88	
B. H. Woodsum Co., supplies .	22 01	
F. A. Bates, labor . . .	69 60	
D. Estes & Sealey, supplies .	32 80	
Chapman Valve Co., supplies .	25 53	
W. F. Sanborn & Co., supplies	3 99	
Fore River Engine Co., labor .	4 17	
O. M. Rogers, labor . .	3 60	
Thomas Hoey, supplies . .	42 98	
Sumner Goodwin Co., supplies	12 00	
Geo. Woodman Co. . .	27 70	
One service box . . .	47	
		948 46½

PUMPING STATION.

Pay of men as per pay roll .	$1,218 85½	
Eagle Oil & Supply Co., supsupplies	156 28	

J. B. Rhines & Co. . . .	$2 25	
B. H. Woodsum Co., supplies	1 45	
N. Y. & Boston Dispatch Ex. Co.	2 64	
Crosby Steam Valve Co., supplies	2 25	
Nightingale & Childs, supplies	14 73	
A. O. Clark, manager, electric light	34 26	
Dexter Bros., supplies . .	5 35	
A. W. Chesterton & Co., supplies	29 15	
C. A. Claflin, supplies . .	1 65	
J. F. Sheppard & Sons, coal	1,145 43	
A. W. Harris Oil Co., supplies	13 75	
American Steam Guage Co., supplies	1 50	
W. F. Sanborn & Co., supplies	4 87	
Fore River Engine Co., supplies	20 62	
W. A. Torrey, supplies . .	2 00	
Geo. F. Blake & Co., supplies	11 35	
Peter Ness, painting . .	33 17	
Coffin Valve Co., supplies .	6 90	
E. Hodge & Co., supplies .	16 00	
Waldo Brothers, supplies .	2 00	
Thomas Hoey, supplies . .	7 61	
Charles A. Claflin, supplies .	4 84	
O. M. Rogers, supplies . .	3 92	
John Streiferd, supplies . .	4 66	
		$2,747 48½

MAIN PIPE EXTENSIONS.

Pay of men as per pay rolls .	$160 06	
Eagle Oil Co., supplies . .	15 60	
Chadwick Lead Works, supplies	26 68	
Coffin Valve Co., supplies .	112 00	
Walworth Mfg. Co., supplies .	661 21	
Citizens Gas Light Co., supplies	1 80	
Builders Iron Foundry, supplies	10 00	
Elmer Vinton, carting . .	2 00	
		$989 35

SERVICE CONSTRUCTION.

Pay of men as per pay roll .	$9 15½	
Eagle Oil Co., supplies . .	35 40	
Walworth Mfg. Co., supplies .	63 26	
Thomas Hoey, supplies . .	37 80	
Sumner & Goodwin Co., supplies	13 88	
Chapman Valve Co., supplies .	7 90	
Geo. Woodman Co., supplies .	27 50	
M. Meuler Co., supplies . .	14 10	
F. A. Bates, labor and supplies	60 05	
		$269 04½

HYDRANT AND GATE REPAIRS.

Pay of men as per pay rolls .	$185 08	
Coffin Valve Co., supplies .	132 13	
		$317 21

SERVICE REPAIRS.

Pay of men as per pay rolls .	$46 46½	
		$46 46½

TOOLS, ETC.

Cash paid as per pay roll . .	$0 45	
Edson Mfg. Co. . . .	29 75	
Walworth Mfg. Co. . .	25 07	
J. B. Poore	4 80	
Pinel Brothers . . .	6 60	
Crosby Steam Gauge Co. .	7 38	
W. H. Cobb	10 65	
Fore River Engine Co. . .	40	
Boston Lead Mfg. Co. . .	5 15	
		$90 25

DRIVEN WELLS.

Pay of men as per pay rolls .	$29 27	
Geo. M. Porter, supplies . .	2 35	
Dean Steam Pump Co. . .	68 85	
Albert P. Worthen, counsel for New York Hydraulic Construction Co. in settlement of all claims	1,250 00	
C. C. Mellen, counsel fee .	225 00	
		$1,575 47

OFFICE ACCOUNT.

A. H. Mason, printing, etc. .	$16 29	
Thomas Groom & Co., books .	4 35	
Pratt & Pratt, printing . .	11 25	
W. A. Torrey, postage . .	16 85	
Samuel Ward Co., water register	14 00	
Weymouth & Braintree Publishing Co., printing . .	14 50	

Geo. W. Prescott & Son, printing	4 50	
William McCormick, books	4 25	
W. E. Maybury, cash paid for desk and chair	30 00	
		$115 99

SUPERINTENDENT'S SALARY AND EXPENSES.

William E. Maybury, salary	$1,125 00	
William E. Maybury, expenses	7 95	
		$1,132 95

ORDERS OVERDRAWN.

William E. Maybury on pay rolls	48	
		48

GENERAL SUMMARY.

Maintenance	$1,218 48	
Service	948 46½	
Pumping station	2,747 48½	
Main pipe extensions	989 35	
Service construction	269 04½	
Hydrant and gate repairs	317 21	
Service repairs	46 46½	
Tools, etc.	90 25	
Driven wells	1,575 47	
Office	115 99	
Superintendent, salary and expenses	1,132 95	
Orders overdrawn	48	
		$9,451 64

TREASURER'S REPORT.

P. D. Holbrook, Treasurer of Water Department.

		Dr.	*Cr.*
To balance in treasury Jan. 1, 1898.		$4,932 94	
Cash received for water rates and piping :—			
John V. Scollard, Collector . .	$265 13		
	178 00		
	308 33		
	28 50		
		779 96	
Henry A. Monk, Collector .		11,061 71	
Cash received of town for hydrant service . . .		4,150 00	
Amount overpaid, pay roll June 29, 1898		9 40	
Interest on deposit, State National Bank, Boston . .		8 23	
Cash paid on 124 orders drawn by Water Commissioners .			$8,377 94
Cash, paid interest on Water Loan bonds			8,440 00
Balance in treasury, December 12, 1898			4,124 30
		$20,942 24	$20,942 24

Adjusted the accounts of P. D. Holbrook, Treasurer of Water Department, from January 1, 1898 to December 12, 1898 inclusive, and the balance, including deposit in State National Bank, Boston, with cash on hand $4,124.30, (forty-one hundred twenty-four and $\frac{30}{100}$ dollars), transferred to Benj. F. Dyer, Treasurer, pro tem.

1898.		
Dec. 30.	State National Bank, balance check.	$4,096 80
1899.		
Jan'y. 9.	Cash	27 50
		$4,124 30

DANIEL POTTER,
Auditor.

BRAINTREE, January 9, 1899.

BENJ. F. DYER, TREASURER, WATER COMMISSIONERS IN ACCOUNT WITH TOWN OF BRAINTREE.

DECEMBER 28 TO 31 INCLUSIVE, 1898.

Dr.

To cash received of State National Bank from account of P. D. Holbrook, Treasurer .	$4,096 80
To cash received of estate of P. D. Holbrook, Treasurer .	27 50
Surety bond of John V. Scollard	4,000 00
Henry A. Monk, Collector .	658 36
	$8,782 66

Cr.

By cash paid, thirty-three orders drawn, by Water Commissioners	$1,083 10
Deposit in National Exchange Bank to pay coupons due Jan. 1, 1899	2,000 00
Balance	5,699 56
	$8,782 66

Approved. Balance of ($5,699.56) five thousand, six hundred ninety-nine and $\frac{56}{100}$ dollars on deposit in State National Bank, Boston.

DANIEL POTTER, *Auditor.*

BRAINTREE, Jan. 23, 1899.

SINKING FUNDS.

WATER LOAN OF 1887.

P. D. Holbrook, Treasurer Water Loan Sinking Fund.

For the payment of bonds issued July, 1887, payable July 1, 1917.

	Dr.	*Cr.*
December 31, 1897: To amount of sinking fund . .	$24,454 04	
Canton, Ohio, interest on two bonds . . .	74 32	
Fitchburg Railroad, interest on four bonds . .	160 00	
Boston, Revere Beach & Lynn Railroad, interest on two bonds . .	90 00	
Town of Braintree, interest on eleven municipal lighting bonds, $10,500 .	420 00	
Braintree water loan of 1891, interest on three bonds	60 00	
Town of Braintree, appropriation . . .	2,000 00	
Henry L. Dearing, interest on mortgage note . .	78 75	
Braintree Savings Bank, interest on deposit . .	23 71	

Credit.

Amount to credit of sinking fund invested as follows :—		
Four Fitchburg Railroad bonds of ($1,000) one thousand dollars each, Nos. A 4 131 to A 4 134 inclusive, dated January, 1890, 30 years at 4 per cent.		$3,877 11
Ten Braintree municipal lighting bonds of ($1,000) one thousand dollars each, dated April 5, 1893, due April 5, 1917, at 4 per cent. . .		10,000 00
One Braintree municipal lighting bond, same as above issue		500 00
One Canton, Ohio, bond, No. 1429, due 1911, 5 per cent., cost		1,110 84
Two Boston, Revere Beach & Lynn Railroad bonds, dated July 15, 1897, 30 years, Nos. 157 and 158, 4½ per cent., cost		2,175 00
One Rumford Falls & Rangley Lake R. R. bond, dated Oct. 1, 1897, 40 years, No. 146, 5 per cent, cost . . .		1,219 86
Three Braintree Water Loan of 1891 bonds, No. 4, 5 and 6, 4 per cent. bonds and premium . .	$3,285 00	
Accrued interest, cost	10 00	
		3,295 00
Loss of premium on Canton, Ohio, bond, No. 693, sold in 1898		41 50

Henry L. Dearing, mortgage note, Jan. 7, 1896, one year, 4½ per cent. . . .		$3,500 00
Balance Braintree Savings Bank, book No. 1781 . . .		594 82
Balance Randolph Savings Bank, book No. 9488 . . .		1,021 69
Due from Quincy Savings Bank, book No. 16,669 . .		25 00
	$27,360 82	$27,360 82

The securities of Water Loan Sinking Fund 1887, examined, and the amount ($27,360.82) twenty-seven thousand three hundred sixty and $\frac{82}{100}$ dollars, invested as per schedule.

DANIEL POTTER,

Auditor.

BRAINTREE, January 10, 1899.

WATER LOAN OF 1891.

P. D. HOLBROOK, TREASURER, WATER LOAN SINKING FUND.

For the payment of bonds issued June 1, 1891, and payable June 1, 1921.

Dr.

To amount of Sinking Fund, Dec. 31, 1897 . .	$20,289 08	
Town of Braintree, interest on six municipal lighting bonds	240 00	
Canton, Ohio, interest on six bonds . . .	150 00	

To Revere Beach & Lynn R.R., interest on three bonds	$135 00	
Braintree Water Loan, 1891, interest on three bonds .	60 00	
Town of Braintree, appropriation . . .	3,000 00	
Quincy Savings Bank, interest on deposit . .	14 72	
H. A. Jones, interest on mortgage note . .	157 50	
Cr.		
Amount of credit, Sinking Fund invested as follows :—		
Six Braintree municipal bonds dated April 5, 1893, due April 5, 1917, at 4 per cent.,		$6,000 00
Six Canton, Ohio, bonds, numbers 1429 to 1434, inclusive, due 1911, 5 per cent cost .		6,665 00
Three Boston Revere Beach & Lynn R.R. bonds, dated July 15, 1897, 30 years, numbers 159, 60 and 61, 4½ per cent. cost		3,262 50
Three Braintree Water Loan of 1891 bonds, numbers 8, 9 and 10, at 4 per cent., bonds and premium . .	$3,285 00	
Accrued interest .	10 11	
		3,295 11
Mortgage note, dated Oct. 4, 1895, for 5 years, at 4½ per cent., of Horace A. and Miranda S. Jones . . .		3,500 00

	Dr.	Cr.
Balance, Quincy Savings Bank, book number 16,669 . .	-	$1,323 69
	$24,046 30	$24,046 30

Examined the securities of Water Loan Sinking Fund, 1891, and find the amount of ($24,046.30) twenty-four thousand forty six and $\frac{30}{100}$ dollars invested as reported.

DANIEL POTTER, *Auditor.*

BRAINTREE, Jan. 10, 1899.

WATER LOAN OF 1896.

P. D. HOLBROOK, TREASURER WATER LOAN SINKING FUND.

For the payment of six thousand dollars ($6,000) of bonds issued Dec. 12, 1896, 30 years at 4 per cent. per annum.

	Dr.	Cr.
Amount to credit, December 31, 1897, of sinking fund deposited in South Weymouth Savings Bank, book No. 4327	$122 40	
Town of Braintree appropriation	120 00	
Cr.		
Deposited in South Weymouth Savings Bank, book No. 4327		$242 40
	$242 40	$242 40

The sinking fund for water loan of 1896, amount ($242 40) two hundred forty-two and $\frac{41}{100}$ dollars deposited in South Weymouth Savings Bank book, No. 4327 as shown in above report.

DANIEL POTTER, *Auditor.*

BRAINTREE, January 10, 1899.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT.

To the Honorable Board of Water Commissioners of the Town of Braintree:

GENTLEMEN:—The Superintendent of the Water Department respectfully submits his annual report for the year ending Dec 31, 1898.

Thirty-four new service pipes were laid during the year, kind of pipe, size and number of feet laid as follows:—

⅝ inch lead pipe	799 feet	11 inches
¾ inch lead pipe	69 feet	0 inches
¾ inch galvanized iron pipe . .	633 feet	6 inches
1½ inch galvanized iron pipe . .	8 feet	6 inches
2 inch galvanized iron pipe . .	80 feet	10 inches
	1,591 feet	9 inches

Total service pipe in system Dec. 31, 1898, 73,081 feet 3 inches=13.8+miles.

Total number of service connections 1083.

EXTENSION OF MAINS DURING 1898.

One-inch galvanized iron pipe in private way running west from Quincy avenue to dead end, 617 feet 6 inches. This pipe was put in at the expense of Mr. John Kelley and others.

One and one-fourth inch galvanized iron pipe in Quincy

avenue, running west from main to west line of avenue, to connect to the above 1-inch pipe, 51 feet 8 inch.

Two-inch galvanized iron pipe in Newport avenue, running southwest from Franklin street to dead end, 141 feet 6-inch; this pipe put in at the expense of Mr. C. A. Belcher.

Six-inch pipe in private way, east from Middle street, through the property of G. H. Arnold, to dead end, 443 feet.

Six-inch pipe in Hancock street, north from old line, opposite service No. 970, to dead end, 96 feet 6 inch.

Six-inch pipe in Commercial street, north east from main, 12 feet to make connection on Shaw street main, which was laid during 1897 and not completed.

Six-inch pipe in Sheppard avenue, 36 feet, 6 inch north from old line to dead end.

HYDRANT BRANCHES.

Six-inch pipe in hydrant branches 10 feet.

BLOW-OFF PIPES.

Three-quarter inch blow-off pipe formerly at end of pipe line at service No. 970 transferred to end of pipe line at service No. 1067 in gutter on north line of Charles Gammon's lot.

EXTENSION OF MAINS DURING 1898, AS FOLLOWS:

1 inch main pipe	617 feet	6 inches
1¼ inch main pipe	51 feet	8 inches
2 inch main pipe	141 feet	6 inches
6 inch main pipe	588 feet	0 inches
6 inch hydrant branches . .	10 feet	0 inches
Total	1,408 feet	8 inches

DISTRIBUTION MAINS IN OPERATION.

Dec. 31, 1898.

12-inch	5,705 ft. 6 in.
10-inch	10,407 ft. 10 in.
8-inch	10,467 ft.
6-inch	81,256 ft. 6 in.
4-inch	11,211 ft.
2-inch	4,444 ft. 11 in.
1¼-inch	287 ft. 7 in.
1-inch	1,159 ft. 3 in.
¾-inch	224 ft. 2 in.
Total	125,163 ft. 9 in.

=23.7 + miles.

NUMBER, LOCATION AND DESCRIPTION OF VALVES SET IN EXTENSION DURING 1898.

W. E. Maybury, Supt.

Valve Nos.	Street.	Location, Position.	Valve size 6 in.	Valve size 1¼ in.
205	Private way.	On east line of Middle St., at private way through G. H. Arnold's land	1	
206	Allen St.	In hydrant branch, 2 feet off from hydrant No. 173 . .	1	
207	Private way.	On west line of Quincy ave., 46 feet south of C. T. Crane's house		1
Total valves set, 1898			2	1

CONSTRUCTION.

Turn to Open.	Bell or Spigot.	Maker.
Left.	Bell.	Chapman Valve Company.
Left.	Thread+	Chapman Valve Company.

NUMBER, LOCATION AND DESCRIPTION OF HYDRANTS SET, EXTENSIONS OF 1898.

Hydrant Nos.	Streets.	Location, Position.	No. Nozzle. 2 Hose. 1 Steamer.	Length of Connection.
173	Allen st.	846 feet east of Shaw st.	1	5 feet.
174	Sheppard av.	441 feet 6 inches north of Allen st. . . .	1	5 feet.
Total hydrants set, 1898			2	

CONSTRUCTION.

Turn to Open.	Bell, Plain or Bolted.	Frost Case.	Maker.
Left.	Bolted.	No.	Coffin Valve Co. (Imp.)

Total number of valves in operation Dec. 31, 1898: 207.
Total number of hydrants in operation Dec. 31, 1898: 174.

HYDRANT LOCATIONS CHANGED.

Hydrant No. 87, formerly opposite Allen street on Quincy avenue, moved 185 feet north of original location.

Hydrant No. 120, formerly on Stetson street, moved 66 feet west from original location.

Hydrant No. 12, formerly on Washington street at the the corner of Mt. Vernon avenue, transferred to Mt. Vernon avenue near the corner of Washington street.

LOCATION OF BLOW-OFF CHANGED.

Gate No. 197, transferred to end of pipe line at service No. 1,067.

PUMPING RECORD FROM JANUARY 1, 1898, TO JANUARY 1, 1899.

	Gallons Pumped.	Hours Pumping.	Gallons Daily Average.	Pounds of Coal Used.	Gallons Pumped per 100 Lbs. Coal
January	11,292,946	410 h. 15 m.	364,288	50,113	22,534
February . , .	10,199,026	276 h. 45 m.	364,251	43,941	23,210
March	11,993,503	298 h. 05 m.	386,887	51,044	23,496
April	10,498,426	275 h. 40 m.	349,947	52,196	20,115
May	10,183,775	287 h. 10 m.	328,509	59,071	17,239
June	11,122,755	293 h. 40 m.	370,758	52,498	21,187
July	13,791,943	475 h. 50 m.	444,901	52,292	26,374
August	12,860,359	356 h. 10 m.	414,850	48,499	26,516
September . . .	13,129,499	507 h. 25 m.	437,649	53,368	24,601
October	12,457,811	466 h. 50 m.	401,865	55,967	22,259
November . . .	11,034,258	286 h. 15 m.	367,808	46,880	23,536
December . . .	12,001,993	306 h. 35 m.	387,161	50,939	23,561
Total	140,566,294	4,240 h. 40 m.		616,808	
Daily average . . .	385,113	11 h. 37 m.		1,689	

Largest days' pumping was March 8, 645,711 gallons.

Smallest days' pumping was January 11, 159,407 gallons.

PUMPING STATION.

The floor of the pumping station is in a very poor condition. I would recommend that it be renewed as soon as possible. The chimney also needs attention in the line of repairs.

PUMPS.

The pumps are all in good condition with the exception of the boiler feed pump, which has become worn in the water end, it will necessitate a new sleeve or lining of same.

I would recommend the purchasing of an inspirator that we may have an auxillary feed to the boilers.

At present we have but one method of supplying the boilers with water while under steam.

GATES.

There were a few gates which had to be dug up and repaired as the packing had become decayed.

HYDRANTS.

There have been considerable many changes in the location of hydrants brought about by the opening of new streets also by the changing of original street lines.

Much repairing has been done as the hydrant valves have become imperfect, the seats torn, etc.

The Whittier hydrant in front of the Middle street school house has been taken out and replaced by a Coffin Valve Company's improved hydrant.

BOILERS.

The boilers are in a good general condition; the piping, gauges and fittings of same are all in first class condition.

LEAKS ON MAINS.

There has been very little trouble with main pipe leaks the past season only two small joint leaks on the entire system,

with the exception of the service main on Dearing avenue, this pipe has given the department some trouble.

I would recommend taking out the small pipe on Dearing avenue and replacing it by a 2-inch galvanized iron pipe as the one now in use is liable to burst at any time.

SERVICE LEAKS.

There were a number of service leaks the past season. In digging up the old services we find many of them eaten very badly; also we find them filled with rust. In many cases the poorer ones have been renewed and lead pipe has been used in its stead.

The stand pipe is in a good general condition. The Superintendent is still of the opinion that it ought to be covered in on top. At the same time a coat of paint inside and out would add to its protection.

DRIVEN WELLS.

The department having settled with the Hydraulic Construction Company, of New York, have used the wells to some extent, finding that the use of them is quite an advantage to the water supply.

The Superintendent would recommend the purchasing of another pump of proper capacity, to be connected direct to the well system, this pump to be placed on a level with the intake pipe from the wells, thus reducing the lift on the suction of this pump about five feet, this will enable us to get much more water than we can get under the present method of pump connections to wells.

The capacity of the pumps now in use are so much in excess of the capacity of the wells that they cannot be run on an economical basis. It is impossible to run the pump on the wells and on the gallery at the same time to a satisfactory speed.

By the improvement suggested above, the pump on the wells would be independent from the one on the gallery.

The pump working on the wells, in connection with the pump on the gallery, would enable us to keep the water supply at a more even height than it can be kept under the present circumstances. By so doing it will afford us the opportunity to run the large pump at a greater speed for more continuous hours. This I believe will reduce the cost of pumping somewhat, as it will do away with a part of the night work.

IMPROVEMENTS.

I would reccommend grading up over and around the driven wells as there is but little covering on them it is necessary to have them properly protected from frost.

It is the intention of the department to remove the surplus pipe and fittings which are at present in front of the station to a place near the horse shed. Also to clear up and beautify the grounds around the artificial pond.

ELECTRIC WATER GAUGE.

The Superintendent respectfully asks that some steps might be taken in the purchasing of a telemeter or water gauge. At present the department have no method of recording the height of water in the stand pipe. If this attachment was made to the stand pipe it would assist the engineer in handling his pumps ; also the department would have a record of the height of water in the stand pipe for each and every hour which could be placed on file and would settle many discussions.

EXTENSIONS AND IMROVEMENTS OF PIPE LINES.

The Superintendent would respectfully recommend the extension of the ten-inch main from the corner of Summer

street, south through Washington street to a point on Pearl street, intercepting the six-inch main at a point running south through Hancock street, east through Pearl street and west through Washington street.

This would give a better circulation and a larger quantity of water in case of a fire in the thickly settled part of the south village.

I would reccommend placing a four-way hydrant on this ten-inch pipe in front of the Holbrook block. My reason for making this reccommendation to extend the ten-inch pipe is this: There is nothing south of Summer street in the south part of the town larger than a six-inch main. In order to get a proper fire protection and the best results from your water supply the above pipe mentioned should be extended.

Respectfully submitted,

W. E. MAYBURY, *Superintendent.*

ANNUAL REPORTS

OF THE

SCHOOL COMMITTEE

AND

Superintendent of Schools

OF THE

TOWN OF BRAINTREE,

MASS.

For the Year Ending December 31, 1898.

SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

Thomas A. Watson, Chairman, Quincy Avenue, East Braintree. Term expires in 1900.

Albion C. Drinkwater, Vice-Chairman, Elm Street, Braintree. Term expires in 1901.

Mrs. A. M. Brooks, Franklin Street, South Braintree. Term expires in 1901.

Mrs. Carrie F. Loring, Front Street, East Braintree. Term expires in 1899.

William C. Harding, Hollis Avenue, Braintree. Term expires in 1899.

Rev. C. F. Hill Crathern, Washington Street, South Braintree, Term expires in 1900.

Irving W. Horne, Secretary and Superintendent, Mt. Vernon Avenue, Braintree.

Meetings of Committee.

Second Tuesday of each month at three o'clock, p. m., at the Monatiquot building, Washington Street, Braintree.

Office Hours of Superintendent.

MONATIQUOT BUILDING.

Mondays from 4 to 4.30 p. m.
Tuesdays and Thursdays, from 8.30 to 9 a. m.
Fridays, from 12 to 12.30 p. m.

Schools in Session.

1898, Sept. 6 to Dec. 23; 1899, Jan. 2 to March 31; April 10 to June 22; Sept. 5 to Dec. 22.

Holidays.

Saturdays, and Nov. 24, 25, 1898; Feb. 22, April 19, May 30, June 17, Nov. 23, 24, 1899.

Daily School Sessions.

High,—8.15 A. M. to 1 P. M.
Jonas Perkins,—9 A. M. to 12 M., and 1.30 to 3.30 P. M.
Monatiquot,—8.45 to 11.30 A. M., and 1.15 to 3.30 P. M.
Other Schools,—9 to 11.45 A. M., and 1.15 to 3.30 P. M.

Storm Signal.

On very stormy days there will be no session of the public schools. This will be announced by 3–3–3, 3–3–3, sounded on the fire alarm at 7.15 A. M.

On days when it is moderately stormy or the walking is bad, there will be no afternoon session. This will be announced by 3–3–3, 3–3–3, sounded on the fire alarm at 11 A. M.

A storm signal one hour before the appointed time of a committee or a teachers' meeting, is a notice of postponement of the meeting.

Janitors.

Monatiquot Building,—John H. Macandrew, West Street, Braintree,
Jonas Perkins Building,—William Orr, Front Street, East Braintree.
Pond Building,—Sewall Nye, Central Avenue, South Braintree.
Union Building,—J. Franklin Bates, Washington Street, Braintree.
Middle Street Building,—Francis H. Thayer, Middle Street, Dana's Corner.
South West Building,—Willie P, Reed, Pond Street, South Braintree.

Truant Officers.

John Gallivan, Braintree.
Horace F. Hunt, South Braintree.
Henry Duggan, Jr., East Braintree.

Tuition of Non-resident Students.

High School, $1 a week; grades 5 to 8, 75 cents a week; grades A to 4, 50 cents a week.

Non-resident students are not to be admitted to any school without the written permission of the Superintendent.

REPORT OF THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

February 20, 1899.

At a meeting of the school committee held this date it was voted that the report of the superintendent of schools be accepted and adopted as the school committee's report to the town.

ESTIMATES FOR 1899.

For teachers, in addition to the dog tax and income of the school fund		$14,950 00
For superintendent . . .		1,400 00
Additional High school assistant beginning in September, 1899	$200 00	
Additional assistant in the Union Primary school beginning in September, 1899 . . .	160 00	
Additional assistant in the Monatiquot Grammar school beginning in September, 1899 .	200 00	
		560 00
Janitors, including cleaning and care of buildings during summer vacation . . .		1,808 00
Text books and supplies . .		1,600 00
Incidentals for schools . .		400 00

Schoolhouse improvements, repairs and incidentals . .	$1,000 00
Fuel	1,200 00
Conveyance of pupils . .	750 00
New floors in Union school building	350 00
Fire extinguishers for schoolhouses	225 00

THOMAS A. WATSON,
A. C. DRINKWATER,
CARRIE F. LORING,
C. F. HILL CRATHERN,
ANN M. BROOKS,
WM. C. HARDING.

School Committee.

REPORT OF SUPERINTENDENT.

Ladies and Gentlemen of the School Committee :—

This is my seventh annual report, for the year ending Jan. 1, 1899, and the fourteenth of the series of annual reports of the superintendents.

The expenditures for the support of schools during the past year have been as follows :—

Teachers and superintendent .			$16,514 52
Janitors			1,750 02
Text boooks .	$1,097 74		
Supplies . .	830 74		
		$1,928 48	
Credits		97 17	
			1,831 31
Incidentals			410 34
Schoolhouse repairs . .		$495 61	
Schoolhouse improvements .		295 94	
Schoolhouse incidentals . .		372 32	
			1,163 87
Fuel			1,195 31
Conveyance of pupils . . .			758 00
Total expenditure . . .			$23,631 37
Appropriation			23,370 00
Overrun			$261 37

EXPENDITURES FOR FUEL IN 1898.

Monatiquot Building:		
Coal	$478 80	
Wood	29 75	
		$508 55
Jonas Perkins Building:		
Coal	$238 00	
Wood	10 00	
		$248 00
Pond Building:		
Coal	$195 60	
Wood	5 00	
Kindlings	3 00	
		$203 60
Union Building:		
Coal	$169 20	
Wood	6 50	
Kindlings	3 00	
		$178 70
Middle Street Building:		
Coal	$15 20	
Kindlings and wood	4 05	
		$19 17
South West Building:		
Coal	$15 12	
Kindlings	2 25	
		$17 37
Town House Kindergarten:		
Coal	$15 12	
Kindlings	4 80	$19 92
Total expenditure		$1,195 31

STATISTICS AND ACCOUNTS.

Population of town, 1898, estimated . .	5,800
Number of children between 4 and 5 years of age in town, May 1, 1898 . . .	92
Number of children between 5 and 15 years of age in town, May 1, 1898 . . .	953
Number of children between 8 and 14 years of age in town, May 1, 1898 . . .	575
Number of children between 7 and 14 years of age in town, May 1, 1898 . . .	667
Number of children between 14 and 15 years of age in town, May 1, 1898 . . .	71
Whole number of pupils enrolled for the year ending June 24, 1898	1,213
Whole number of pupils enrolled for the 4 months ending December 24, 1898 .	1,154
Whole number of pupils enrolled for the 4 months ending December 24, 1897 .	1,126
Average membership for the school year ending June 24, 1898	1,024.3
Average membership for 4 months ending December 24, 1898	1,022
Percentage of average attendance for the school year ending June 24, 1898 . .	.932
Number of schools keeping separate registers,	27
Number of female teachers	30
Number of male teachers	2
Number of special teachers	3
Monthly pay roll of teachers for December, 1898	$1,613 50
Monthly pay roll of teachers for December, 1897	1,439 50
Monthly pay roll of janitors for December, 1898	156 00
Average monthly wages of female teachers for the school year ending June 24, 1898 .	53 61

Average monthly wages of male teachers for the school year ending June 24, 1898 .	$106 00
Number of schoolhouses in use during the school year ending June 24 1898 (26 class rooms and 1 room in Town Hall) . . .	6
Number of schoolhouses not in use during the school year ending June 24, 1898 (3 class rooms)	3
Number of pupils in private schools not enrolled in the public schools . . .	59
Valuation of the town in May, 1898 .	$4,557,425 00
Rate of taxation per thousand in 1898 . .	18 20
Total appropriation to be assessed in 1898 .	83,998 93
Appropriation assessed in 1898 for school purposes	22,220 00
Percentage for schools of total appropriation in 1898	.265
Expenditure per pupil for all school purposes based upon the average membership .	23 07
Expenditure per pupil for all school purposes except repairing and erecting school houses	22 30
Expenditure per pupil throughout the state per last state report for all purposes except repairing and erecting schoolhouses	25 22
Percentage of grammar school graduates in June, 1898, who entered the High school in Sep., 1898	.818

CENSUS, ENROLLMENT AND SCHOOL ATTENDANCE.

School Year Ending in June.	Census, May 1. 5 and 15 Years.	For School Year Ending in June.	
		Enrollment.	Average Membership.
1886	705	817	629
1887	693	802	624
1888	658	790	615
1889	723	884	701
1890	685	864	701
1891	785	894	700.5
1892	832	*	*697.3
1893	853	851	705.3
1894	892	976	786.6
1895	829	1,035	860.7
1896	849	1,124	919.2
1897	926	1,178	965.1
1898	953	1,213	1,024.3

* No reliable statistics for this year have been discovered.

STATISTICS CONCERNING EXPENSE OF TEACHERS.

School year ending in June.	Number of regular class Teachers.	Salaries of all Teachers.	Average Member-ship.	Number of Pupils per Teacher.	Expense of Teachers per Pupil.
1886 . . .	20	$8202.50	629.	31.5	$13.04
1887 . . .	20	8127.50	623.9	31.2	13.00
1888 . . .	19	7209.00	615.	30.7	11.70
1889 . . .	20	9124.30	700.9	35.	13.00
1890 . . .	20	9475.00	700.9	35.	13.50
1891 . . .	21	9821.30	700.5	33.4	12.59
1892 . . .	22	10884.00	697.3	31.7	15.61
1893 . . .	$23\frac{11}{20}$	13117.52	705.3	28.7	18.60
1894 . . .	26	13974.52	796.6	30.3	17.77
1895 . . .	27	14032.50	860.7	31.9	16.30
1896 . . .	26	13457.00	989.2	39.2	14.64
1897 . . .	27	13261.00	965.1	35.7	13.74
1898 . . .	$28\frac{5}{8}$	14411.50	1024.3	35.8	14.07
1898, Sept. to Dec. .	30	6411.50	1022.	34.1	*15.68

* Rate for the year.

EXPENSES FOR SPECIAL DEPARTMENTS.

Financial Year.	Janitors.	Fuel.	School-houses Exclusive of new Buildings.	Water Rent.	Conveyance of Pupils.
1886 . .	$265 40	†	$564 76	. . .	. . .
1887 . .	477 75	†	461 60	. . .	. . .
1888 . .	471 90	†	512 26	. . .	. . .
1889 . .	431 00	†	1,183 75	. . .	. . .
1890 . .	450 50	†	869 11	. . .	$115 58
1891 . .	552 50	$312 88	1,277 20	$24 15	214 54
1892 . .	810 00	1,040 93	1,493 96	69 19	167 38
1893*. .	990 00	1,239 63	911 19	102 00	469 47
1894 . .	1,175 11	1,432 12	1,001 77	108 16	1,020 95
1895 . .	1,312 04	1,375 95	858 79	121 00	961 97
1896 . .	1,424 07	1,234 45	1,038 31	123 00	795 50
1897 . .	1,584 08	1,211 72	1,783 32	129 00	723 00
1898 . .	1,758 02	1,195 31	1,163 87	133 00	758 00

* 11 months. † No record made in school account books.

STATISTICS OF THE HIGH SCHOOL.

	Enrollment.	Number of Teachers.	Salaries of Teachers.	Average Membership.	Expense of Teachers per Pupil.
1893 . .	71	3	$2300 00	64.6	$35 60
1894 . .	89	3	2432 50	79.1	30 74
1895 . .	108	4	2875 00	96.8	29 70
1896 . .	109	4	2765 00	95.7	28 89
1897 . .	121	*5	2263 75	99.2	†22 82
1898 . .	116	*5	2377 50	100.7	†23 60

* Includes teacher of music; two lessons per week.

† Combination of superintendency and principalship: $600 of salary charged to the High School.

STATISTICS OF THE MONATIQUOT GRAMMAR SCHOOL.

GRADES 5-8.

School Year ending in June.	Number of Teachers.	Salaries of Teachers.	Enrollment.	Average Membership.	Expense of Teachers per Pupil.
1893 . .	5	$2890 00	212	178.7	$15 17
1894 . .	5	2908 60	234	199.6	14 57
1895 . .	5	2865 00	266	221.4	12 94
1896 . .	5	2670 50	265	229.	11 67
1897 . .	5	2713 00	259	221.1	12 27
1898 . .	6	2930 00	268	245.1	11 95
Sept. to Dec. 1898 . .	6	1162 00	272	257.8	11 28

STATISTICS OF THE JONAS PERKINS SCHOOL.

GRADES A-8.

School Year ending in June	Number of Teachers.	Salaries of Teachers.	Enrollment.	Average Membership.	Expense of Teachers per Pupil.
1895* . .	8	$3615 00	282	252.8	$14 33
1896 . .	8	3755 00	300	256.8	14 62
1897 . .	†9	3886 00	312	273.9	14 19
1898 . .	†10	3920 00	326	288.2	13 60
Sept. to Dec. 1898 . .	†10	1750 50	339	321.6	13 60

* School first organized.

† Includes an assistant in kindergarten.

STATISTICS OF THE POND PRIMARY SCHOOL.

GRADES A-4.

School Year ending in June.	Number of Teachers.	Salaries of Teachers.	Enrollment.	Average Membership.	Expense of Teachers per Pupil.
1893 . .	4	$1650 00	139	99.2	$16 63
1894 . .	5	2075 00	162	107.9	19 23
1895 . .	5	2060 00	206	153.6	14 13
1896 . .	5	2170 00	228	170.1	12 76
1897 . .	5	2195 00	250	189.7	11 57
1898 . .	5	2216 00	239	183.3	12 09
Sept. to Dec. 1898 . .	*6	918 00	206	193.	11 90

* Includes an assistant in kindergarten.

STATISTICS OF THE UNION PRIMARY SCHOOL.

GRADES A-4.

School Year ending in June.	Number of Teachers.	Salaries of Teachers.	Enrollment.	Average Membership.	Expense of Teachers per Pupil.
1893 . .	4	$1738 00	151	118.2	$15 55
1894 . .	5	2050 00	179	141.5	14 49
1895 . .	4	2155 00	173	135.9	15 86
1896 . .	4	1650 00	222	136.2	12 11
1897 . .	*5	1730 00	218	162.2	10 66
1898 . .	*5	1825 00	217	168.	10 86
Sept. to Dec. 1898 . .	*5	718 00	197	170.9	10 50

*Includes an assistant in the kindergarten.

STATISTICS OF THE MIDDLE STREET SCHOOL.

GRADES 1 AND A.

School Year ending in June.	Number of Teachers.	Salaries of Teachers.	Enrollment.	Average Membership.	Expense of Teacher per Pupil.
1897 . .	1	$400 00	17	15.8	$25 38
1898 . .	1	400 00	23	18.3	21 86
Sept. to Dec. 1898 . .	1	160 00	22	20.1	19 90

STATISTICS OF THE SOUTHWEST SCHOOL.

GRADES 1 AND A.

School Year ending in June.	Number of Teachers.	Salaries of Teachers.	Enrollment.	Average Membership.	Expense of Teacher per Pupil.
1898 . .	1	$400 00	24	19.7	$20 30
Sept. to Dec. 1898 . .	1	160 00	15	14.	28 57

The following table represents, in a graphic way, the work of the High school during the school year ending June 24, 1898:

	First Year in School.				Second Year in School.				Third Year in School.			
	Pupils in Classes.	Recitations.	Certificates Granted.	Failures.	Pupils in Classes.	Recitations	Certificates Granted.	Failures.	Pupils in Classes.	Recitations.	Certificates Granted.	Failures.
English	63	4	105	18	27	4	37½	12½	15	4	19	5
French	38	4	50	21	26	4	32	16	11	4	16	4
Latin	14	4	23	4	3	4	1	3	..	..	..	..
Arithmetic	63	4	109	13	7	4	2	6	..	..	..	..
Algebra	54	4	83	18	8	4	12	4	3	4	5	0
History	..	..	....	....	..	..	....	....	6	4	10	1
Book-keeping . . .	..	..	....	....	16	4	22	7	7	4	12	1
Shorthand	..	..	....	....	16	4	19	9	7	4	8	5
Physics	..	..	....	....	12	4	6	11	2	4	1	1
Chemistry	..	..	....	....	1	4	2	0	7	4	11	3
Physiology	..	..	....	....	..	..	....	....	5	4	5	0
Drawing, ½	29	1	(5) 10	(9½) 19	12	1	5	7	3	1	3	0
Music, ¼	63	2	59	4	27	2	25	2	15	2	12	3

The graduating exercises of the High school were held in the Town Hall, Thursday evening, June 23, 1898.

PROGRAMME.

PART ONE.

Piano Solo	Florence May Litchfield.
Chorus by the School, from Cantata— "The Daughter of Jairus" . . .	Rheinberger.
Invocation	Rev. A. A. Ellsworth.
Chorus by the School—"America, My Fatherland."	J. J. Loud.
Address	Editor A. E. Winship.

PART TWO.

Chorus by the School—"The Bugler" . . .	Pinsuti.
History	Irene Althea Holbrook.
Statistics	(a) William Watson Tonner. (b) Harry Edgar Fish.
Scythe Song	Gertrude Annie Berry.
"Thirteen Years from Now" . .	Caroline Elizabeth Skilton.
Valedictory	Mary Elizabeth Kennedy.

Presentation of Diplomas by Mr. Thomas A. Watson.

Chorus by the School—"Good Night, Beloved" . Pinsuti.

GRADUATES, JUNE 23, 1898.

FOUR YEARS' COURSE.

Irene Althea Holbrook.
Harry Edgar Fish.
Mary Elizabeth Kennedy.
Caroline Elizabeth Skilton.

THREE YEARS' COURSE.

Gertrude Annie Berry.
George Clifton Bestick.
Edith Louisee Brett.
Bertha Francis Drollett.
Florence May Litchfield.
Ella Henrietta Oliver.
Alice Vianna Thayer.
William Watson Tonner.

On January 28, 1898, diplomas of graduation in the four years' course were awarded to Bessie F. Holbrook and Elsie L. Dickey, and on June 23, 1898, a four years' diploma was awarded to Josephine M. Foster.

GRADUATES OF THE GRAMMAR SCHOOLS, JUNE 23, 1898.

Monatiquot Grammar School.

William L. Arnold.
Henry A. Barnes.
Ralph Cameron.
Mabel B. Clapp.
Fred G. Cottrell.
Edward Cuff.
Thomas. F. Donahue.
Lottie F. Dunkerly.
Fanny R. Foster.
Herbert L. Harvey.
Louis N. Hathaway.
Agnes L. Kirby.
Annie G. Laskey.
Cora G. Mann.
Herbert L. Parker.
William E. Pierson.
Robert E. Roulston.
Irving E. Stoddard.
Flossie L. Watson.
Clifton Woodsum.
Courtenay Atkinson.
C. Haven Belcher.
Grace M. Cavanagh.
Alice K. Cummings.
Josegh Coughlin.
Agnes B. Delano.
Blanche B. Drinkwater.
Lottie O. Fenderson.
Harold R. Gooch.
Sarah A. Hatch.
Florence E. Hollinshead.
Roger Lakin.
Virgie M. Litchfield.
Alma O. O'Neill.
Fred W. Peverly.
Albert R. Qualey.
Helen A. Stetson.
Elisha N. Thayer.
Benjamin H. Woodsum.
Florence E. Woodworth.
Glennie F. Woodworth.

Jonas Perkins School.

William Brown.
George William Hearn.
Edward Everett Lawson.
John Vigor DeNeill.
Annie Barbara Lang.
Louis Dearing Loring.

John Augustus Meehan. Mary Mullin.
Robert Patrick Sullivan. Marie Cecelia Tidden.
Frank Augustus Whitmarsh. John Alden Wright.

The following table shows the branches of study taught in the High school during the present year, the number of pupils pursuing each, and the year in the school of each class :—

Branches of Study.	First Year.	Second Year.	Third Year.	Totals.
English . . .	53	37	14	104
French	27	32	12	71
Latin	26	3	1	30
Algebra . . .	53	30	1	84
Geometry . . .	—	—	3	3
History . . .	—	—	4	4
Book-keeping . .	—	32	5	37
Penmanship . . .	53	—	—	53
Shorthand and Type-writing . . .	—	—	7	7
Physics . . .	—	6	—	6
Drawing . . .	18	8	—	26
Greek	—	2	1	3

Report of pupils by grades and ages on May 1, 1898, in the public schools, based on the total enrollment for the school year ending June 24, 1898.

	Grades.	YEARS.																Male.	Female.	Totals.
		4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19			
Male	1A	35	39	14	2	3	...	..	...	..	...	..	..	..	..	..	..	93	.....	.....
Female	1A	43	38	10	2	..	...	..	...	..	...	..	..	..	..	..	..	.....	93	186
Male	1B	..	11	27	13	7	1	1	...	..	...	..	..	..	..	..	..	60	.....	.....
Female	1B	1	14	22	14	4	2	..	...	..	...	..	..	..	..	..	..	.....	57	117
Male	2	..	4	18	17	12	9	6	...	..	...	..	..	..	..	.	..	66	.....	...
Female	2	..	4	18	20	14	12	1	...	1	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	.....	71	137
Male	3	..	...	2	7	15	20	5	6	2	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	58	.....	.....
Female	3	..	...	1	15	22	8	4	9	2	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	...	62	120
Male	4	..	...	...	..	8	22	9	6	7	2	2	..	..	..	..	..	56	.....	.....
Female	4	..	...	...	.	4	20	9	6	2	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	.....	42	98
Male	5	..	...	...	..	3	7	17	24	16	7	2	2	..	..	..	..	78	.....	.....
Female	5	..	...	...	..	4	14	24	16	6	10	2	2	..	..	..	..	.....	78	156
Male	6	..	...	...	..	..	...	3	19	5	7	5	5	..	..	..	..	44	.....	.....
Female	6	..	...	...	..	..	...	.	11	18	14	6	3	..	..	..	..	.....	52	96
Male	7	..	...	...	..	..	...	1	3	13	17	9	4	1	..	..	..	48	.....	.....
Female	7	..	...	...	..	..	...	..	1	14	13	6	5	2	..	..	..	.....	41	89
Male	8	..	...	...	..	..	...	..	...	..	12	13	9	4	2	..	..	40	.....	.....
Female	8	..	...	...	..	..	...	..	...	..	11	6	4	2	..	..	..	.....	23	63
Male	9	..	...	...	..	..	...	..	...	..	3	7	11	4	1	..	..	26	.....	.....
Female	9	..	...	...	..	..	...	..	...	1	6	13	12	2	2	..	..	.....	36	62
Male	10	..	...	...	..	..	...	..	...	..	...	2	6	3	..	..	..	11	.....	.....
Female	10	..	...	...	..	..	...	..	. .	..	...	1	8	6	1	1	..	.....	17	28
Male	11	.	...	...	..	..	...	..	...	..	...	..	1	1	2	..	..	4	.....	.....
Female	11	..	...	...	..	..	...	..	...	..	...	..	2	6	2	2	..	.....	12	16
Male	12	..	...	...	..	..	...	..	...	..	...	..	..	..	..	..	..	.....	.....	.....
Female	12	..	...	...	..	..	...	..	...	..	...	..	..	1	1	1	1	.....	4	4
Totals		79	110	112	90	96	115	80	101	87	106	74	74	32	11	4	1	584	588	1,172

YEARS.	GRADE.													Male.	Female.	Totals.
	A	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12			
4 Years Male.....	35	....	....	....	....	...	..	....	....	....	....	....	..	35	...	.....
4 " Female ..	43	1	....	....	....	....	....	...	....	....	....	....	..	...	44	79
5 " Male.....	39	11	4	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	..	54	...	.....
5 " Female..	38	14	4	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	..	...	56	110
6 " Male.....	14	27	18	2	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	..	61	...	.....
6 " Female ..	10	22	18	1	....	....	....	....	...	..	....	....	..	...	51	112
7 " Male.....	2	13	17	7	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	..	39	...	.....
7 " Female ..	2	14	20	15	....	...	....	....	...	....	....	....	.	...	51	90
8 " Male.....	3	7	12	15	8	3	....	....	....	....	....	....	..	48	...	.....
8 " Female ..	....	4	14	22	4	4	...	....	....	....	....	...	..	...	48	96
9 " Male.....	....	1	9	20	22	7	....	....	....	...	....	....	..	59	...	.....
9 " Female ..	....	2	12	8	20	14	....	....	....	....	....	....	..	...	56	115
10 " Male.....	....	1	6	5	9	17	3	1	....	....	....	....	..	42	...	.....
10 " Female ..	....	.. .	1	4	9	24	....	....	.. .	.. .	...	....	..	...	38	80
11 " Male.....	....	....	....	6	6	24	19	3	....	....	...	....	..	58	...	.....
11 " Female ..	....	....	....	9	6	16	11	1	....	...	...	...	..	...	43	101
12 " Male.....	....	....	....	2	7	16	5	13	....	....	....	....	..	4	...	....
12 " Female ..	....	....	1	2	2	6	18	14	....	1	....	....	..	...	44	87
13 " Male. ...	....	....	....	1	2	7	7	17	12	3	....	....	..	49	...	.....
13 " Female ..	....	....	1	1	1	10	14	13	11	6	...	...	..	...	57	106
14 " Male.....	....	....	....	....	2	2	5	9	13	7	2	....	..	40	...	.....
14 " Female .	....	....	....	....	.. .	2	6	6	6	13	1	...	..	...	34	74
15 " Male.....	....	....	....	..	....	2	5	4	9	11	6	1	..	38	...	.....
15 " Female ..	....	....	....	....	....	2	3	5	4	12	8	2	..	...	36	74
16 " Male.....	....	....	...	....	....	....	...	1	4	4	3	1	..	13	...	.....
16 " Female ..	....	....	....	...	....	....	....	2	2	2	6	6	1	...	19	32
17 " Male.....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	2	1	....	2	..	5	...	.....
17 " Female ..	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	2	1	2	1	...	6	11
18 " Male.....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	...	....	....	....	..	...	...	.....
18 " Female ..	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	.. .	....	1	2	1	...	4	4
19 " Male.....	....	....	....	...	....	....	....	....	....	...	....	....	..	...	...	.....
19 " Female ..	....	....	...	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	1	...	1	1
Totals.....	186	117	137	120	98	156	96	89	63	62	28	16	4	584	588	1,172

PUBLIC SCHOOLS OF BRAINTREE, MASSACHUSETTS.

Report of the Source and Disposition of all Pupils by Grades in the Public School for the School Year Ending June 24, 1898.

	Grades. Highest at top.	Source of Pupils.								Disposition of Pupils.							
		No. retained from last year.	No. promoted from preceding grade in September.	No. enrolled as pupils for the first time.	No. from other towns.	No. transferred from other schools in town.	No. received by special promotion from lower grade.	No. received by special demotion from higher grade.	TOTAL.	No. returned to lower grade.	No. of special promotions to higher grade.	No. of withdrawals to other schools in town.	No. of wittdrawals to other towns.	No. of withdrawals not otherwise designated.	No. not promoted at close of year.	No. promoted at close of year.	TOTAL.
	MONATIQUOT SCHOOL.																
	8	....	46	....	2	....	.....	.....	48	....	....	....	1	4	2	41	48
	7	2	52	....	3	....	.....	.....	57	3	....	1	4	....	7	42	57
	6	4	46	...	1	1	.....	2	54	....	....	1	....	3	2	48	54
	5	3	50	....	8	....	2	.....	63	....	....	....	3	3	4	53	63
	4	1	21	....	4	....	.....	1	27	....	....	1	1	1	....	24	27
	3	2	18	...	7	...	2	.....	29	....	1	....	1	3	2	22	29
Totals,	....	12	233	....	25	1	4	3	278	3	1	3	10	14	17	230	278
	JONAS PERKINS SCHOOL.																
	8	1	12	14	2	....	.....	.....	29	....	....	....	....	1	....	14	15
	7	4	28	28	..	....	.....	.....	60	....	....	....	1	2	....	29	32
	6	7	13	13	3	....	.....	.....	36	....	....	....	....	2	1	20	23
	5	6	19	21	2	....	.....	1	48	....	....	....	....	2	3	22	27
	4	11	30	44	3	....	... ..	.....	88	....	....	....	2	2	2	38	44
	3	6	28	38	4	....	2	.....	78	....	....	....	2	1	6	31	40
	2	6	36	....	5	2	2	.....	51	3	1	....	1	....	....	47	52
	1	4	31	2	8	1	1	3	50	....	2	1	3	1	7	36	50
	A	17	.....	36	..	....	.....	.....	53	....	1	....	4	....	11	37	53
Totals,		62	197	196	27	3	5	4	493	3	4	1	13	11	30	274	346

PUBLIC SCHOOLS OF BRAINTREE — *Continued.*

	Grades. Highest at top.	Source of Pupils.								Disposition of Pupils.							
		No. retained from last year.	No. promoted from preceding grade in September.	No. enrolled as pupils for the first time.	No. from other towns.	No. transferred from other schools in town.	No. received by special promotion from lower grade.	No. received by special demotion from higher grade.	TOTAL.	No. returned to lower grade.	No. of special promotions to higher grade.	No. of withdrawals to other schoo s in town.	No. of withdrawals to other towns.	No of withdrawals not otherwise designated.	No. not promoted at close of year.	No. promoted at close of year.	TOTAL.
	POND SCHOOL.																
	4	1	37	....	8	1	.....	.....	47	....	....	....	7	....	4	36	47
	3	....	36	....	1	1	1	.....	39	1	....	2	1	....	4	31	39
	2	4	41	....	10	5	.....	1	61	5	1	....	6	...	7	42	61
	1	9	24	9	6	4	.....	5	57	....	....	1	9	....	16	31	57
	A	12	...	35	..	1	.....	.....	49	....	23	....	8	3	13	23	47
Totals,	...	26	138	44	25	12	1	6	253	6	24	3	31	3	44	163	251
	UNION SCHOOL.																
	4	....	25	....	1	....	.....	.....	26	....	2	....	1	....	....	23	26
	3	....	26	....	..	....	.....	.....	26	....		....	1	....	....	25	26
	3	....	10	....	..	1	.....	.....	11	...	.. .	1	1	....	....	9	11
	2	4	28	2	6	1	1	1	43	...	1	2	2	....	....	38	43
	1	13	27	....	6	2	2	4	54	....	1	2	9	....	11	31	54
	A	23	.....	39	..	....	.....	.....	62	....	2	1	4	....	22	33	62
Totals,	....	40	116	41	13	4	3	5	222	....	6	6	18	....	33	159	222
	MIDDLE STREET SCHOOL.																
	1	1	.....	10	3	2	.....	.....	16	....	....	3	1	....	1	8	13
	A	5	.....	7	..	1	.....	.....	13	....	....	1	....	....	5	7	13
Totals,	....	6	.....	17	3	3	.....	.....	29	....	....	4	1	..	6	15	26
	SOUTH WEST SCHOOL.																
	1	....	.....	3	..	8	.....	.....	11	....	....	....	....	2	3	6	11
	A	....	.....	15	..	....	.....	.....	15	....	....	....	....	4	2	9	15
Totals.	....	...	.....	18	..	8	.....	.....	26	....	....	....	....	6	5	15	26
Totals,	...	146	684	316	93	31	13	18	1301	12	35	17	73	34	135	856	1149

STATISTICAL REPORT OF THE PUBLIC SCHOOLS FOR THE SCHOOL YEAR OF TEN MONTHS ENDING JUNE 23, 1898.

Teachers.	Room.	Grade.	Enrollment.	Average Membership.	Half-day Absences.	Percentage of Average Attendance.	Tardinesses.	Dismissals.	Truancies.	Visitors.
HIGH SCHOOL.										
Irving W. Horne, Principal	..	12	4	2.9	62	94.1	16	14	..	39
Ella Macgregor	..	11	20	14.1	254	95.	91	63	..	40
Julia Ellsworth	..	10	31	25.3	544	94.	118	118	..	41
Celia F. Stacey	..	9	61	58.4	916	95.6	217	239	..	45
Emily Streiferd (Singing) .	..	...	....	.....	.....	....	....	....	..	....
Totals	..	...	116	100.7	1776	95.1	442	434	..	165
MONATIQUOT SCHOOL.										
Joseph A. Ewart, Principal	1	8	48	43.7	943	94.6	41	51	..	330
Josephine R. Fowle (11 wks.)	2	7	57	50.6	1518	92.5	11	47	..	152
Susan A. O'Rourke . . .	4	6	49	49.1	1654	91.5	28	31	1	92
Josephine B. Colbert . . .	5	5	61	54.	1693	92.2	16	25	..	129
Margaret E. C. Bannon . .	3	6	26	25.1	750	92.5	23	17	..	111
Annie E. Crowell		5	27	22.6	766	91.5	15	35	..	70
Totals	..	...	268	245.1	7324	92.5	134	206	1	884

STATISTICAL REPORT.— *Continued.*

Teachers.	Room.	Grade.	Enrollment.	Average Membership.	Half day Absences.	Percentage of Average Attendance.	Tardinesses.	Dismissals.	Truancies.	Visitors.
JONAS PERKINS SCHOOL.										
Victoria P. Wilde, Principal	7	8	15	14.4	152	97.4	27	48	..	103
Mary A. McGoety (10 wks.)		7	32	29.3	503	95.7	48	65	..	....
Nellie E. Bowles	6	6	22	21	353	95.8	120	24	..	79
Mary E. Vining	5	5	27	24.7	598	93.9	162	35	..	39
Elizabeth Simmons . . .	8	4	43	38.6	1103	92.9	153	53	1	78
Nellie F. Monk	4	3	38	35.1	1235	91.2	279	31	..	114
Fanny Ellsworth	3	2	51	46.7	1270	93.2	190	44	1	154
Theresa G. O'Rourke . . .	2	1	45	37.1	1795	87.9	131	16	..	185
Grace Randall	1	A	53	41.3	1525	90.7	59	....	..	197
Marion L. Rogers, assistant	..	...	....	.....	.....	....	....	....	..	....
Totals	..	...	326	288.2	8534	92.6	1167	316	2	949
POND SCHOOL.										
Sarah L. Arnold, Principal	4	4	47	39.8	837	94.7	54	61	..	104
Ethel E. Roberts	3	3	40	36.4	748	94.9	39	39	..	69
Annie M. Brooks	2	2	57	44.3	1296	92.7	92	12	11	117
Emily A. Lapham	1	1	48	39.5	1389	91.2	65	30	3	85
Harriet M. Hill	H	A	47	23.3	1029	89	....	....	..	101
Totals	..	...	239	183.3	5299	92.8	250	142	14	476

H—Town House.

STATISTICAL REPORT.—*Concluded.*

Teachers.	Room.	Grade.	Enrollment.	Average Membership.	Half day Absences.	Percentage of Average Attendance.	Tardinesses.	Dismissals.	Truancies.	Visitors.
UNION SCHOOL.										
Avis A. Thayer, Principal	4	4	26	22	374	95.8	44	24	..	460
		3	26	22.5	335	96.3	18	20	..	38
Hannah C. Whelan	3	3	11	9	136	96.3	14	51	..	101
		2	42	34.7	611	95.6	36	17	..	238
Mabel L. Bates	2	1	50	41	925	94.4	52	10	..	532
Elizabeth B. Pray	1	A	62	38.8	1174	92.4	76	17	..	235
Menetta A. Stevens, assist'nt	..	...	....	.....	.....	....	....	....	..	....
Totals	..	...	217	168	3555	94.8	240	139	..	1604
MIDDLE STREET SCHOOL.										
Mabel T. Knight	1	1	11	8.9	261	92.7	....	....	..	57
		A	12	9.4	444	88.2	....	....	..	35
Totals	..	...	23	18.3	705	90.4	....	....	..	92
SOUTH WEST SCHOOL.										
F. Gertrude Badger	1	1	13	10.8	338	92.2	24	....	..	19
		A	11	8.9	150	95.8	1	....	..	34
Totals	..	...	24	19.7	488	93.8	25	....	..	53
Totals	..	...	1213	1024.3	27690	93.2	2268	1237	17	4213

SUPERVISOR OF DRAWING.—Helen E. Hewes.

STATISTICAL REPORT OF THE PUBLIC SCHOOLS FOR THE FOUR MONTHS ENDING DECEMBER 23, 1898.

TEACHERS.	Room.	Maximum Class Room Membership.	Grade.	Enrollment.	Average Membership.	Half-day Absences.	Percentage of Average Attendance.	Tardinesses.	Dismissals.	Truancies.	Visitors.	Average Age of Pupils September 15, 1898.		
HIGH SCHOOL.														
Principal—												Y	M	D
Joseph A. Ewart	..	...	11	14	13.5	64	97.0	14	4		5	15	10	13
Ella Macgregor	..	....	10	37	34.3	186	96.6	15	19	..	5	15	2	25
Julia Ellsworth	..	....	9	52	51.2	240	97.1	27	36	..	6	14	2	6
Celia F. Stacy														
Emily Streiford (singing)	..	....	....	....	.....	.....	....	....	....	..	....	.....		
Totals	..	....	....	103	99.0	490	97.0	56	59	..	16	.....		
MONATIQUOT SCHOOL.														
Principal—														
W. Stanwood Field	1	44	8	44	40.9	358	94.5	33	9	..	45	13	2	18
Josephine B. Colbert	2	78	7	59	56.7	663	92.7	92	10	..	32	12	7	29
Florence L. Elliott	3	55	7	22	20.7	185	94.4	25	2	..	33	12	6	4
Mabel F. Alden			6	36	33.0	362	93.1	33	3	..	31	11	8	16
Annie E. Crowell	4	54	6	43	40.6	335	94.8	35	7	..	58	10	5	14
			5	12	10.7	56	96.7	36	1	..	62	10	5	12
Margaret E. C. Bannon	5	56	5	56	55.2	592	93.3	152	15	..	102	10	4	15
Totals	..	....	....	272	257.8	2555	93.8	406	47	..	363	.....		
JONAS PERKINS SCHOOL.														
Principal—														
Victoria P. Wilde	7	51	8	31	29.6	321	93.2	29	42	..	48	13	6	11
Grace M. Ward,			7	22	18.9	194	93.6	29	6	..	....	12	10	29
Nellie E. Bowles	5	29	6	29	27.8	285	93.6	39	24	..	37	13	2	6
Mary E. Vining	6	45	5	43	42.1	479	92.9	49	52	1	14	10	7	27
Elizabeth Simmons	8	39	4	39	37.9	844	86.0	90	34	..	22	10	10	16
Nellie F. Monk	4	54	3	54	49.7	512	93.5	39	15	..	57	8	8	23
Fannie Ellsworth	3	42	2	39	42.2	665	90.2	28	15	..	153	7	5	12
Theresa G. O'Rourke	2	43	1	45	43.2	483	93.0	39	1	..	158	5	4	3
Grace Randall Bertha H. Waldron Asst.	1	35	A	37	30.2	364	92.5	15	4	..	153	4	1	4
Totals	..	....	.. .	339	321.6	4150	91.9	357	193	1	642	.....		

STATISTICAL REPORT — *Continued.*

TEACHERS.	Room.	Maximum Class Room Membership.	Grade.	Enrollment.	Average Membership.	Half-day Absences.	Percentage of Average Attendance.	Tardinesses.	Dismissals.	Truancies.	Visitors.	Average Age of Pupils September 15, 1898.		
POND SCHOOL.														
Principal— Sarah L. Arnold	4	37	4	37	35.5	288	92.1	25	13	2	27	9	8	2
Ethel E. Roberts	3	46	3	46	43.1	454	93.4	30	19	..	22	8	5	3
Annie M. Brooks	2	48	2	38	42.4	392	94.2	28	3	..	38	7	7	7
Emily A. Lapham	1	39	1	47	36.9	399	93.3	42	7	..	39	6	3	..
Harriet M. Hill	H	38	A	38	35.1	513	90.9	....	....	..	60	4	4	25
Totals	..	....	....	206	193.0	2046	93.4	125	42	2	186	.....		
UNION SCHOOL.														
Principal— Avis A. Thayer	4	50	4	39	35.4	254	95.5	11	94	..	274	9	9	9
			3	12	10.8	51	97.0	1	4	..	38	8	10	16
Mabel L. Bates	3	52	3	25	19.7	149	95.3	6	32	..	36	8	7	25
			2	30	28.5	166	96.4	11	11	..	176	7	8	15
Hannah C. Whelan	2	54	1	50	43.3	466	93.3	14	5	..	340	6	5	24
Elizabeth B. Pray	1	41	A	41	33.2	298	94.4	19	9	..	143	4	4	26
Belle R. Newton, Asst.	..	....	....	....	.....	.....	....	....	....	..	...	.....		
Totals	..	....	....	197	170.9	1384	94.9	62	155	..	1007	.....		
MIDDLE STREET SCHOOL.														
Mabel T. Knight	1	22	1	9	8.3	89	93.3	10	1	..	39	6	0	9
			A	13	11.8	180	90.5	2	2	..	25	4	7	7
Totals	..	....	....	22	20.1	269	91.6	12	3	..	64	.....		
SOUTH WEST SCHOOL.														
Marion L. Rogers	1	15	1	12	11.0	247	86.0	9	....	..	38	5	8	20
			A	3	3.0	60	87.5	3	....	..	20	4	2	..
Totals	..	....	....	15	14.0	307	86.3	12	....	..	58	....	.....	
Totals	..	....	....	1154	1022	11,125	93.2	1030	499	..	2336	.....		

Supervisor of Drawing, HELEN E. HEWES.

Teacher of Singing in Primary Grades, MARY L. FRENCH.

It has been a source of much satisfaction to note the increasing wholesome, cordial and intelligent support of the schools during the past year. Education is essentially a spiritual process; its success is determined in a large degree by the emotional atmosphere in which the children live both in and out of the schoolroom. In this respect the public schools are entirely unlike any other public concern. We can all help to make this appropriation for the schools; it will be worth thousands of dollars to them.

No other instrumentality contributes so much to a pupil's success as a feeling of confidence, cordiality and sympathy—a genuine social feeling—between the parent and the teacher. The child who does not live in this atmosphere in home and school, cannot receive from the school anything of real and permanent value. Teachers and parents can do much to make each other strong. They should meet often socially in the home, at the school, on the street and in public places, and talk earnestly and thoughtfully concerning the growth and training of the children. This thought is rapidly becoming the basis of a genuine school feeling in the community. Thoughtful people are beginning to see more clearly that the hope of all social, civic and industrial improvement is in the public schools. An increasing amount of the education of children is being entrusted to them. All the educational forces of the community must unite to make them genuinely successful. Everybody can and ought to do something to help them. We cordially invite this co-operation and we earnestly hope we may see many more ways in which it can be brought about.

No material change has been made in the work and management of the schools. It is very gratifying to feel the growing unanimity of thought concerning the character of elementary education. The common branches must be taught far better even than they were formerly, and in addition to this the schools must stand more positively for character and the practical activities of every-day life.

Education is a much greater thing than any thing that can be memorized from books. To lead children to understand the ways of life and to give them mastery over these ways is of much more vital importance than to teach them books. These higher and more necessary things can come only from the personality of the teacher. If teachers are full of intellectual and moral enthusiasm, the pupils will grow to be like them. If teachers have wholesome and intelligent views of life, the pupils will be led to see life more as it really is. The one great and necessary thing for good schools is teachers of happy native endorsements, of good physique and health, winning presence, self-control, "*scholarly power*, tact, patience, ambition, moral spirit and loveableness." These qualities in the teacher mean much more to the children than all the books that they can be led to master.

The finer, nobler, more attractive and more stable personal qualities of character cannot be derived from a study of text books; yet they are absolutely essential to genuine success in any sphere in life. They come only from close, vital, admiring, loving contact during youth with persons who possess these qualities. Teachers cannot be chosen with too much care, and any salary paid to secure teachers of the greatest personal worth is economical.

The trustees of the Thayer Public Library have generously granted the schools a freer use of their large and excellent collection of books. A knowledge of the value and right use of books is one of the most desirable accomplishments at the present time. The beneficial results to be derived from this increased supply of excellent reading material, will prove the wisdom of this action.

I must not fail to call attention to the excellent results of manual training, consisting of wood-working and sewing, both in training and character among the pupils of the Jonas Perkins school. The educational sentiment of the community has been decidedly improved by the instruction in branches that are so closely connected with the home life of the pupils.

I am sure that the time has come when the parents generally wish to have the pupils of the grammar schools given instruction in cooking, sewing and manual skill. These branches are too practical, too vitally related to the everyday life of all people and will be too far-reaching in beneficial results to need any argument for their adoption.

The instruction in them should begin as soon as it can be established economically and successfully. At the beginning of the next school year we shall be well prepared to make this instruction such an integral part of the regular work that the extra expense for teachers will be inconsiderable. The chief expense will be incurred in providing an equipment of apparatus, tools and machinery, and I would recommend that this matter be left to the generosity of the citizens of the town to be provided by private subscription. I am sure that many of our people will be only too glad to contribute to such a worthy object and that this part of the problem will be well taken care of.

During the past year we have done more in music than simply to teach the children to read music. The pupils of the primary schools have been taught a correct sense and love of music by the rote singing of songs of sweet melody and uplifting sentiment. The melody and spirit of these songs will do much in after years to guide the feelings and to enrich the imaginations of the children. This work has been directed by Miss Mary L. French, and has been very successful.

The work in drawing in the elementary schools is very satisfactory, but the facilities for the study of drawing in the High school are too incomplete to yield good results. There is need of a special drawing room, properly colored and lighted, with special drawing tables and other drawing equipments.

The need of relief for the crowded condition of the Monatiquot and Union schools calls for immediate atten-

tion. These schools cannot be organized satisfactorily to do the work that is expected of them until relief has been provided. At least one more room will be required at the Union school and two more rooms at the Monatiquot school at the beginning of the school year in September, 1899.

I am under continued obligations to all who have been interested in the success of the schools for their thoughtful and generous consideration during the past year.

Respectfully,

IRVING W. HORNE,

Superintendent of Schools.

BRAINTREE, MASS., February 14, 1899.

HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES.

The school was established in 1858. The following list gives the names of the graduates of the school, the number admitted, dates of admissions, number of years each pupil remained in the school to secure a diploma, and the average age of each class when admitted to September, 1869, this being as far as we had time to compute it.

The names of those who prepared for college while in the regular course in the school are starred.

ADMITTED.	GRADUATED.
Sept 13, 1858—34.	Susan R. H. (Hunt) Williams, Aug., '62.
(Av. age, 15 y. 7 m.)	N. Annabella (Niles) Field, Aug., '62.
Nov. 27, 1858—9.	None.
(Av. age, 15 y. 11 m.)	
March 11, 1859—14.	Indiana (Gifford) Thayer, March, '63.
(Av. age, 14 y. 2 m.)	Theodore C. Howe, March, '63.
	Rebecca S. (Orcutt) Knight, March, '63.
	Ann M. (Porter) Brooks, March, '63.
	Lydia A. (Symonds) Tupper, March, '63.
Aug. 26, 1859—3.	None.
(Av. age, 13 y. 4 m.)	
Feb. 27, 1860—21.	Margaret E. Bannon, March, '64.
(Av. age, 14 y. 5 m.)	Virginia (Niles) Dennett, March, '64.
	Sarah J. (Penniman) Perry, Nov., '64.
	Edward W. Howe, March, '64.
Nov. 31, 1860—3.	Mary A. (Waite) Waldron, March, '64.
(Av. age, 14 y.)	

ADMITTED.	GRADUATED.
March 2, 1861—10.	None.
(Av. age, 14 y.)	
March 1, 1862—15.	Mary C. Howe, March, '66.
(Av. age, 14 y. 5 m.)	
March 8, 1862—9.	Ann E. Hunt, March, '66.
(Av. age, 14 y. 2 m.)	Harriet E. (Richards) Gill, March, '66.
	Ibrahim Morrison, March, '66.
March 28, 1863—17.	Herbert Doane, March, '67.
(Av. age, 13 y. 11 m.)	Sarah (Allen) Hammett, March, '67.
	Sarah L. (Porter) French, March, '67.
	Avis A. Thayer, March, '67.
	Eldora S. Thayer, March, '67.
March 21, 1864—24.	Mary Scollard, March, '67.
(Av. age, 13 y. 9 m.)	Ella M. (Colbert) Grady, Jan., '68.
March 22, 1865—19.	Katie (Bishop) French, Jan., '69.
(Av. age, 14 y.)	Mary R. (Minchin) Mayhew, Jan., '69.
	Inez Penniman, Jan., '69.
	Sarah E. (Torrey) Arnold, Jan., '69.
	Clara L. (Vinton) Dyer, Jan., '69.
	Mary A. (Dyer) Adams, Jan., '69.
	Sarah (Freel) McGaw, Jan., '69.
March 28, 1866—28.	None.
(Av. age, 13 y. 2 m.)	
March 27, 1867—18.	Eugene F. Dyer, '71.
(Av. age, 13 y. 1 m.)	Oscar M. Crocker, '71.
	N. Gleason Torrey, '71.
	Alice (Mason) Loring, '71.
Feb. 14, 1868—29.	Abbie A. (Allen) Record, Jan., '72.
(Av. Age 12 y. 9 m.)	S. Lizzie (Burnham) Shaw, Jan., '72.
	Sarah F. (Dow) Crossett, Jan., '72.
	Ellen E. (Miles) Killian, Jan., '72.
	John V. Allen, Jan., '72.
	Tellis F. Kelley, Jan., '72.
	Arthur E. Sproul, Jan., '72.
	*W. H. Shaw, Jan., '72.
March 6, 1869—8.	*Patrick H. Billings, '73.
(Av. Age 12 y. 10 m.)	John L. Crane, '73.
June, 1870.	*Warren B. Keith, Jan., 73.

ADMITTED.	GRADUATED.
Sept., 1872.	*Wellington Record, Jan., '73.
Sept., 1872.	*Sanford P. Record, Jan., '73.
Feb., 1870—25.	Cora I. (Bates) Morrison, Jan., '74.
	M. Josie (Dearing) Belcher, Jan. '74.
	Minnie (Rosenfeld) White, Jan., '74.
	Walter D. Anglim, Jan. '74.
	Frederick W. Penniman, Jan., '74.
Feb., 1871—21.	Susie A. M. (Freel) Lake, Jan., '75.
	Mary J. Pratt, Jan., '75.
	C. Nettie (Thayer) Sprague, Jan., '75.
	Ida E. (White) Genders, Jan., '75.
	Frank A. Bates, Jan., '75.
Feb., 1872—26.	H. Florence (Dearing) Curtis, Jan., '76.
	Marcia A. Keith, Jan., '76.
	Susie M. (Reed) Stevens, Jan., '76.
	Charles O. Allen, Jan., '76.
	William O. Allen, Jan., '76.
	Willie J. Loring, Jan., '76.
	Alverdo H. Mason, Jan., '76.
	Lyman D. Randall, Jan., '76.
	*Arthur J. Shaw, Jan., '76.
	John V. Scollard, Jan., '76.
	George T. Smith, Jan., '76.
Feb., 1873—21.	Annie T. (Barrett) Dyer, Jan., '77.
	Katie B. (Miles) Buckley, Jan., '77.
	Gracie P. Randall, Jan., '77.
	Jennie A. (Willis) Dyke, Jan., '77.
	Henry T. Anglim, Jan., '77.
	Charles W. Hollis, Jan., '77.
	Charles G. Sheppard, Jan., '77.
	Herbert C. Keith, Jan., '77.
	Herbert W. White, Jan., '77.
Feb., 1874—28.	Lizzie W. (Arnold) Wade, Jan., '78.
	Mary E. (Bradford) Taylor, Jan., '78.
	Nettie Burt, Jan., '78.
	Minnie C. (Dana) Cook, Jan., '78.
	Helen M. Farrar, Jan., '78.

ADMITTED.	GRADUATED.
	Fannie A. Finnegan, Jan., '78.
	Adela (French) Jones, Jan., '78.
	Ella (French) Gay, Jan., '78.
	Laura (Hollis) Morrill, Jan., '78.
	Arabella Hunt, Jan., '79.
	Marion B. Potter, Jan., '78.
	Helen M. (Pratt) Jameson, Jan., '78.
	Sarah S. (Dockendorff) Brown, Jan.,'79.
	George A. Hobart, Jan., '78.
	W. Austin Torrey, Jan., '78.
	George M. Woodman, Jan., 78.
Sept., 1875—28.	Ella E. (Cronin) Hart, June, '79.
	Mabel N. (Ford) Bridgham, June, '79.
	Alzora L. (Mason) Nute, June, '79.
	Katie M. Scollard, June, '79.
	Annie N. Shaw, June, '79.
	Willie Hill, June, '79.
	George T. Miller, June, '79.
	Eben W. Sheppard, June, '79.
	Maurice B. Woodsum, June, '79.
	Harry A. Smith, April, '78.
Sept., 1876—15	Edith Allen, June, '80.
	Emma J. (Bates) Wilde, June, '80.
	Mary L. Crowe, June, '80.
	Clara C. (Keith) Bryant, June, '80.
	Harry F. Arnold, June, '80.
	Lyman E. Gates, June, '80.
	Horace A. Jones, Jr., June, '80.
Sept., 1877—21.	Josephine B. Colbert, July, '81.
	Margaret Downey, July, '81.
	Fanny M. (Dugey) Jones, July, '81.
	Effie G. Hollis, July, '81.
	Margaret G. (King) McGlincy, July, '81.
	Carrie A. Perry, July, '81.
	Catherine T. Slavin, July, '81.
Sept. 1878—27	Marietta J. (Call) Whitman, July, '81.
	Nannie S. (Hayden) Sherman, July, '81.

ADMITTED.	GRADUATED.
	Idella F. (Stevens) Thayer, July, '81.
	Charlotte P. (Edson) Allen, July, '81.
	Clarence E. Anglim, July, '81.
	Frank H. Dearing, July, '81.
	Ellsworth A. Hollis, July, '81.
	George H. Howes, July, '81.
	John E. Miles, July, '81.
	Samuel B. Sampson, July, '81.
	Loring W. Thayer, July, '81.
Sept. 1879—20.	Ada F. Carmichael, June '82.
	Jennie G. Carmichael, June, '82.
	Jessie S. (Dyer) Chapman, June, '82.
	Lucy E. Keith, June, '82.
	Carrie L. (Loring) Miller, June '82.
	Bessie B. (Potter) Bridgham, June, '82.
	Annie G. Scollard, June, '82.
	Susie W. (Snow) Manter, June, '82.
	John Griffin, June, '82.
	George W. Stevens, June, '82.
	John P. Sullivan, June, '82.
	Wesley L. Woodsum, June, '82.
Sept., 1880—34.	Sarah E. S. Daland, June, '83.
	Nellie E. (Dyer) Hamblett, June, '83.
	Hattie M. Hill, June, '83.
	Susie A. O'Rourke, June, '83.
	Lillian R. (Penniman) Howland, June, '83.
	Ellen M. Potter, June, '83.
	Eva M. (Smith) Willis, June, '83.
	Ida E. Smith, June, '83.
	Cora B. (Willis) Minchin, June, '83.
	Bernard J. Bradley, June, '83.
	John T. Cavanagh, June, '83.
	James W. Colbert, June, '83.
	John L. Delano, June, '83.
	Walter C. Edson, June, '83.
	Frank G. Hill, June, '83.
	Omer W. Hollis, June, '83.

ADMITTED.	GRADUATED.
	Willie L. Jennings, June, '83.
	Charles H. Minchin, June, '83.
Sept., 1881—37.	Caroline W. Allen, June, '84.
	Eliza Cronin, June, '84.
	Lillian R. (Dyer) Dunham, June '84.
	Lucy W. (Gibbs) Macgregor, June, '84.
	Isaline R. (Hayden) Coy, June, '84.
	Alice A. Hayward, June, '84.
	Christine S. (Henderson) Kent, June, '84.
	Annie G. (Hill) Lawford, June, 84.
	Minnie F. (Jones) Kneeland, June, '84.
	Joan Macgregor, June, '34.
	Josie H. (Mayhew) Woodman, June, '84.
	Estella W. Pierce, June, '84.
	Annie E. Sullivan, June, '84.
	Adelaide A. (Whiting) Smith, June, '84.
	Myron H. Belcher, June, '84.
	John T. Bradley, June, '84.
	Charles H. Daggett, June, '84.
	Samuel J. Dyer, June, 84.
	Thomas H. Griffin, June, '84.
	Wallace Macgregor, June, '84.
	William B. Morse, June, '84.
	Daniel F. Potter, June, '84.
	Edward Sullivan, June, '84.
	Harry T. Whitman, June, '84.
	Wilford F. Woodsum, June, '84.
Sept., 1882—25.	Agnes B. Hayward, June, '85.
	Helen M. Keith, June, '85
	Ella M. Macgregor, June, '85.
	Mary F. Seaver, June, '85.
	Ethel M. Starkey, June, '85.
	George A. Arnold, June, '85.
	Fred M. Fall, June, '85.
	Charles H. Hayward, June, '85.
	Alonzo Minchin, June, '85.
	Francis H. Rudderham, June, '85.
Sept., 1883—18.	Lilla F. (Anderson) Littlefield, July, '86.

ADMITTED.	GRADUATED.
	Lulu W. Anderson, July, '86.
	Georgie E. (Hollenbeck) French, July, '86.
	Mary J. (Long) Hargreaves, July, '86.
	Mary E. Smith. July, '86.
	Louis W. Arnold, July, '86.
	Albert L. Cavanagh, July, '86.
	George B. Loring, July, '86.
	George F. Slavin, July, '86.
	Robert J. Forsyth, July, '86.
Sept. 1884—41	Marion S. Arnold, July, '87.
	Gracie E. (Call) Gifford, July, '87.
	Mabel A. (David) Keay, July, '87.
	Judith E. Dyer, July, '87.
	Annie L. (Finnegan) Gray, July, '87.
	C. Maude Foster, July, '87.
	Bessie G. Gates, July, '87.
	Nettie Henry, July, '87.
	Mary B. Hobart, July, '87.
	S. Emma Leith, July, '87.
	Jessie MacGregor, July, '87.
	Susie F. Poole, July, 87.
	Susie E. Porter, July, 87.
	Anna G. Witherell, July '87.
	Samuel N. Belcher, July, '87.
	Eugene F. Bowles, July, '87.
	Fred R. Carmichael, July, '87.
	Fred G. Cavanagh, July, '87.
	William H. Cronin, July, '87.
	Henry W. Doane, July, '87.
	Arthur L. Hale, July, '87.
	Walter S. Peirce, July, '87.
	Alfred L. Simmons, July, '87.
	John H. Sullivan, July, '87.
	Herbert W. Woodworth, July, '87.
	Anna M. (Penniman) Tupper, June, '88.
Sept., 1885—37.	Helen R. F. (Allen) Hunt, June, '88.
	Mary E. (Bestick) Watson, June, '88.

ADMITTED.	GRADUATED.
	Agnes Z. Branley, June, '88.
	Addie L. (Call) Lane, June, '88.
	Delia E. Connors, June, '88.
	Minnie E. Donovan, June, '88.
	Fannie G. Drew, June, '88.
	Alice A. Holbrook, June, '88.
	Annie Holbrook, June, '88.
	Lucia E. (Hollis) Farrington, June, '88.
	Emma M. Kane, June, '88.
	Cora F. Keith, June, '88.
	Fanny A. (Merrill) Marden, June,' 88.
	Mabel S. (Morrison) Ellsworth, June, '88.
	Sarah Shaw, June, '88.
	H. May (Wilkins) Harlow, June, '88.
	Raiph W. Arnold, June, '88.
	Fred. F. Converse, June, '88.
	George F. Fallon, June, '88.
	William F. McCormick, June, '88.
	John W. Sherman, June, '88.
	Peter Smith, June, '88.
Sept., 1886—23.	Annie M. Brooks, June, '89.
	Annie G. Cavanagh, June, '89.
	Julia Ellsworth, June. '89.
	May L. French, June, '89.
	Mary E. Gillespie, June, '89.
	Orin W. Hollis, June, '89.
	David Macandrew, June, '89.
	Annie M. Sullivan, June, '89.
	Harry C. Thayer, June, '89.
	Robert E. Whitman, June, '89.
	Fred. A. Woodworth, June, '89.
Sept., 1887—33.	Maurice S. Belcher, June, '90.
	Albina M. Cain, June, '90.
	Effie L. Coffin, June, '90.
	Mary J. (Downer) Dyer, June, '90.
	Elsie E. Drinkwater, June, '90.
	Hadassah M. (Dyer) Williams, June, '90.

ADMITTED.	GRADUATED.
	Alice L. Foster, June, '90.
	Emma F. Hayward, June, '90.
	Lizzie M. Hobart, June, '90.
	Thomas P. Harrison, June, '90.
	Carroll A. Holbrook, June, '90.
	Alice M. (Long) Mitchell, June, '90.
	Margaretta McDowell, June '90.
	Mary A. McGoerty, June, '90.
	Lillian E. Merritt, June, '90.
	Lizzie C. (Morrison) Faxon, June, '90.
	Sarah L. Porter, June, '90.
	Sarah C. Simmons, June '90.
	Edith M. (Trufant) Pinckney, June, '90.
	Marie A. Thayer, June, '90.
	Minnie S. Young, June, '90.
Sept., 1888—29.	John E. Arnold, June, '91.
	George D. Bagley, June, '91.
	Chester S. Kane, June, '91.
	Frank Leben, June, '91.
	Alfred F. Lund, June, '91.
	S. Martha Mayhew, June, '91.
	Anna K. (McKellar) Hollis, June, '91.
	Mary E. Mohan, June, '91.
	Nellie F. Monk, June, '91.
	Grace H. (Moreland) Kimball, June, '91.
	Robert H. Orr, June, '91.
	Harry L. Patten, June, '91.
	Margaret C. Preston, June, '91.
	Ida C. Ratcliffe, June, '91.
	Mary E. (Stetson) Winkfield, June, '91,
	Albert E. West, June, '91.
	Olive R. (Wright) Damon, June, '91.
Sept., 1889—36.	Gertrude M. (Borden) Mathews, June, '92.
	Grace M. Cobb, June, '92.
	John F. Dee, June, '92,
	Mary E. (Donahue) Desmond, June, '92.
	Mabel C. (Dyer) Stowell, June, '92

ADMITTED.	GRADUATED.
	Fanny Ellsworth, June, '92.
	Mary A. Havey, June, '92.
	Benjamin Hawes, June, '92.
	Sanford W. Hobart, June, '92.
	Nelson E. Hayden, June, '92.
	Henry M. Hollis, June, '92.
	Catherine M. McDonnell, June, '92.
	Joseph F. Mohan, June, '92.
	Theresa G. O'Rourke, June, '92.
	Elizabeth B. Pray, June, '92.
	Fred T. Sampson, June, '92.
	Philip Sullivan, June, '92.
Sept., 1890—31.	Alice F. Connell, June, '93.
	Clara B. Connell, June, '93.
	Susan G. Doane, June, '93.
	Carolyn A. Foster, June, '93.
	Helen E. Hewes, June, '93.
	Annie R. Hill, June, '93.
	Ruby C. Neil, June, '93.
	Isabel L. Penniman, June, '93.
	Emily Streiferd, June, '93.
	Minerva P. Witherell, June, '93.
	Harry P. Sturtevant, June, '93.
	Edgar H. Bowles, June, '94.
Sept., 1891—40	Eva B. Allen, June, '94.
	Helen V. Branley, June, '94.
	Ethel M. Brigham, June, '94.
	Ada L. Carver, June, '94.
	Ellen H. Cobb, June, '94.
	Bessie M. Drinkwater, June, '94.
	Clara I. Dustin, June, '94.
	Arthur L. Fenderson, June, '94.
	Charles H. French, June, '94.
	Bessie M. Gage, June, '94.
	Charles H. Gage, June, '94.
	Abbie O. Hunt, June, '94.
	Sara M. Kelley, June, '94.

ADMITTED.	GRADUATED.
	Mary S. (Knight) White, June, '94.
	Fred. C. McDowell, June, '94.
	John T. Queeny, June, '94.
	Cora A. Ratcliffe, June, '94.
	Harry F. Vinton, June, '94.
	Bessie Winkfield, June, '94.
	George E. Woodworth, June, '94.
	Emily S. Young, June, '94.
Sept. and Oct., '92—33.	Everett H. Cain, June, '95.
	Ada B. Cobb, June, '95.
	Annie M. Crosby, June, '95.
	Wallace W. Dana, June, '95.
	Albert E. Fisher, June, '95.
	Arthur B. French, June, '95.
	Nina B. Gage, June, '95.
	Frank Gannon, June, '95.
	Noah G. Kingsbury, June, '95.
	Coralyn W. Lang, June, '95.
	Bessie H. Leonard, June, '95.
	Mamie Orr, June, '95.
	John A. Ryan, June, '95.
	Ernest A. Vinton, June, '95.
	Grace T. Whitmarsh, June, '95.
Sept., 1893—38.	Florence M. Arnold, June, '96.
	Edward J. Branley, June, '96.
	Alice H. Cox, June, '96.
	George D. Finnegan, June, '96.
	Arthur I. Fisher, June, '96.
	Walter I. Glover, June, '96.
	Alice E. (Hayden) McGibbon, June, '96.
	Irving N. Holbrook, June, '96.
	Mary L. Kingsbury, June, '96.
	Mary G. Loring, June, '96.
	Mabel E. Mellen, June, '96.
	Mabel F. Mellen, June, '96.
	Julian E. Morrow, June, '96.
	Herbert F. Plumer, June, '96.

ADMITTED.	GRADUATED.
	Mary E. Putnam, June, '96.
	Mary S. Roulston, June, '96.
	Sandy Roulston, June, '96.
	Fredericka C. Rymarczick, June, '96.
	May E. Stoddard, June, '96.
	Mary W. Thayer, June, '96.
	Josephine M. Wright, June, '96.
Sept. 1894—44.	Nellie M. Borden, June, '97.
	Catherine I. Craig, June, '97.
	Helen L. Galvin, June, '97.
	Amy F. Kirby, June, '97.
	Elsie L. Dickey, Jan., '98.
	Bessie F. Holbrook, Jan., '98.
	Josephine M. Foster, June, '98.
Sept., 1895—47	Gertrude A. Berry, June, '98.
	George C. Bestick, June, '98.
	Edith L. Brett, June, 98.
	Bertha F. Drollett, June, '98.
	Harry E. Fish, June, '98.
	Irene A. Holbrook, June, '98.
	Mary E. Kennedy, June, '98.
	Florence M. Litchfield, June, '98.
	Ella H. Oliver, June, '98.
	Caroline E. Skilton, June, '98.
	Alice V. Thayer, June. '98.
	William W. Tonner, June, 98.

JURY LIST.

As revised by the Selectmen Feb. 21, 1899 :—

NAME.	OCCUPATION.
Arnold, Franklin E.	Farmer.
Arnold, Richard L.	Clerk.
Arnold, J. Sargent	Provision Dealer.
Abercrombie, Elmer E.	Retired.
Bayley, James H.	Book-keeper.
Bates, Andrew J.	Bank Trustee.
Bates, J. Franklin	Salesman.
Bates, Charles S.	Salesman.
Bates, Frank Albert	Plumber.
Crathern, C. Frank Hill	Minister.
Connell, James	Farmer.
Crooker, Francis W.	Editor.
Cuff, William H.	Machinist.
Clapp, Charles W.	Retired.
Currier, William H.	Machinist.
Cain, Daniel E.	Machinist.
Dow, Willard E.	Electrician.
Doane, Henry W.	Book-keeper.
Dyer, F. Eugene	Salesman.
Ellsworth, George G.	Salesman.
French, George A.	Farmer.

NAME.	OCCUPATION.
French, George G.	Farmer.
Fuller, George F.	Salesman.
Gardner, Francis A.	Book-keeper.
Gallivan, Jeremiah F.	Shoe Cutter.
Gage, R. Allen	Contractor.
Hobart, Arthur L.	Electrician.
Hobart, Edward	Farmer.
Hobart, Adam W.	Carpenter.
Hale, Edward A.	Railroad Employe.
Hollis, William A.	Farmer.
Hayward, Jonathan P.	Contractor.
Hayward, J. Francis	Florist.
Harrison, William C.	Draftsman.
Harrison, Thomas P.	Editor.
Howland, Walter H.	Salesman.
Hunt, Nathaniel F.	Retired.
Jordan, Charles G.	Clerk.
Knight, Bradford Y.	Carpenter.
Kelley, Hiram H.	Leather Dealer.
Mansfield, Henry W.	Grocer.
Monk, Henry A.	Town Clerk.
McRae, Augustus	Carpenter.
McNoble, James, Jr.	Farmer.
Osgood, George W.	Tallow Renderer.
Pennock, Frederic G.	Machinist.
Pierson, Edward O.	Railroad Employe.
Porter, Elbridge F.	Salesman.
Richards, Charles G.	Clerk.
Rogers, Orville M.	Plumber.
Sampson, Josephus	Farmer.
Shaw, Willie H.	Manufacturer.
Sheppard, Charles G.	Coal Dealer.
Sullivan, Edward J.	Grocer.
Stocker, Robert R.	Clothing Cutter.

NAME.	OCCUPATION.
Sutton, John H.	Book-keeper.
Shaw, Martin V. B.	Filter Manufacturer.
Stevens, George W.	Book-keeper.
Smith, Henry R.	Retired.
Southworth, Alfred	———
Thompson, Caleb	Shoemaker.
Tupper, Foster F.	Carpenter.
Tuttle, G. Henry	Engineer.
White, Jonathan F.	Book-keeper.
Witherell, Whitfield	Farmer.
Whitcomb, Charles G.	Jeweller.
Woodsum, Rufus H.	Nailmaker.
Watson, Thomas A.	Manufacturer.
White, Hartley L.	Civil Engineer.

WARRANT FOR TOWN MEETING.

NORFOLK, SS. *To either of the Constables of the Town of Braintree:* GREETING :—

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Braintree, qualified to vote in town affairs, to meet at the town hall in said Braintree, on Monday, the sixth day of March, 1899, at seven o'clock in the forenoon, to act on the following articles, namely :

ARTICLE 1. To choose a Moderator to preside at said meeting.

ART. 2. To hear the report of the several town officers and act thereon.

ART. 3. To determine the manner of repairing the highways and bridges the ensuing year.

ART. 4. To choose all necessary town officers for the ensuing year. Also to vote on the following question, "Yes or No," as required by chapter 54, of the Acts of the Legislature of 1881, namely: Shall licenses be granted in this town for the sale of intoxicating liquors? Under this article the polls will be kept open until one o'clock P. M.

ART. 5. To see if the town will authorize the Treasurer, with the approval of the Board of Selectmen, to borrow money in anticipation of taxes.

Art. 6. To raise and appropriate such sums of money as may be necessary to defray the expenses of the town for the ensuing year.

Art. 7. To see if the town will accept the jury list, as prepared by the Selectmen.

Art. 8. To see if the town will vote to charge interest on all unpaid taxes after a certain date.

Art. 9. To see if the town will vote an appropriation to Post 87, G. A. R., in defraying the expenses of memorial services on Memorial Day.

Art. 10. To see what compensation the town will vote to pay the members of the Fire Department the ensuing year.

Art. 11. To see if the town will vote a sum of money for the general expenses of the Fire Department. Also a sum of money for repairs on apparatus.

Art. 12. To see if the town will instruct the engineers of the Fire Department to change the system of battery of the fire alarm and appropriate a sum of money for the same.

Art. 13. To see if the town will vote a sum of money to pay the cost of damages to the fire alarm caused by the storms in 1898.

Art. 14. To see if the town will vote a sum of money to purchase new hose for the Fire Department.

Art. 15. To see if the town will vote to extend the fire alarm system and appropriate a sum of money for the same.

Art. 16. To see if the town will vote to place a fire alarm box on Fountain street and appropriate a sum of money for the same.

Art. 17. To see if the town will vote to extend the sidewalk on Franklin street and appropriate money therefor.

Art. 18. To see if the town will vote the sum of $1,000

to pay one-half of the expense of laying concrete or granolythic sidewalks in town.

Art. 19. To see if the town will authorize the Treasurer with the approval of the Selectmen, to borrow such a sum of money for a term of five years, at a rate not to exceed 3½ per cent. per annum, as may be necessary to pay any outstanding notes of the town, payable on demand, and now drawing interest of 4 per cent. per annum.

Art. 20. To see if the town will hold the Treasurer harmless on his bond from any loss which may arise from the failure of any national bank in which the funds of the town may be on deposit.

Art. 21. To see if the town will continue to pay for the bond of its Treasurer as last year.

Art. 22. To see if the town will vote an appropriation for hydrant service.

Art. 23. To appropriate a sum of money for the Water Loan Sinking Fund.

Art. 24. To appropriate a sum of money for the Electric Light Sinking Fund.

Art. 25. To appropriate a sum of money to convey pupils to and from the public schools.

Art. 26. To see if the town will vote to continue the night police and appropriate money for the same.

Art. 27. To make such appropriations as may be necessary for operating the electric lighting system. Also to make such appropriations as may be necessary to provide additional power to operate the system.

Art. 28. To see if the town will vote to accept the provisions of chapter 186, of the Acts of the Legislature of 1895, entitled "An act relative to the watering of streets in towns," or take any action which may be legal in relation to

the watering of the streets and make such appropriations as may be necessary therefor. Also to see if the town will appropriate a sum of money to reimburse Peter McConnarty for his labor and expenses for watering the streets in 1898.

Art. 29. To see if the town will elect a Board of Electric Light Commissioners, as provided by section 10 of chapter 454, of the Acts of the Legislature of 1893.

Art. 30. To see if the town will vote to establish one or more drinking fountains in the public streets or squares in the town.

Art. 31. To see if the town will vote to place a watering trough at or near the junction of West and Granite streets and appropriate a sum of money for the same.

Art 32. To see if the town will vote to build a drain connecting with the present drain on Franklin street, extending it through Washington and Pearl streets or any portion thereof and appropriate a sum of money for the same.

Art. 33. To choose any committees, or hear the report of any committees and act thereon.

Art. 34. To see if the town will vote to enlarge the drain on Elm street, near the factory of A. C. Drinkwater and appropriate a sum of money for the same.

Art. 35. To see if the town will appropriate a sum of money to repair the retaining wall on the easterly side of the northerly approach to the drawbridge on Quincy avenue.

You are to give notice of this meeting by posting up true and attested copies of this warrant in not less than nine public places in this town, seven days at least before the time of said meeting, and by publishing once in the Braintree Reporter.

Hereof fail not and make return of this warrant with your

doings thereon to the Town Clerk, before the time of said meeting.

Given under our hands at Braintree, this twenty-first day of February, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and ninety-nine.

ANSEL O. CLARK,
WM. W. MAYHEW,
J. PARKER HAYWARD,
Selectmen of Braintree.

A true copy. Attest:

HORACE FAXON, *Constable of Braintree.*

NORFOLK, SS. BRAINTREE, February 25, 1899.

Pursuant to the foregoing warrant I hereby notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Braintree, qualified as therein expressed, to meet at the time and place for the purposes therein mentioned.

HORACE FAXON, *Constable of Braintree.*

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